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JUNE 15, 2023

201st. ‘Aha Pae`aina

June 15, 2023

(SCHCC)

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

‘Aha Iki - *Annual Meeting*

June 15, 2023

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

*“‘Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka”
“Feast of Tears”*



“Discerning God’s Path as a Community of the Faithful”

Romans 12:2

Thursday, June 15, 2023

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
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KA WEHE 'ANA
THE CALL

(Adapted from *Hawaiian Antiquities*, David Malo)
Uluwehi Sai & Aileen Trout

Ulu: *Nā 'Aumākua mai ka lā hiki a ka lā kau*
Mai ka ho'oku'i a ka halawai
Nā 'Aumākua iā Kahinakua iā Kahina'alo
Iā ka'a 'ākau i ka lani
O kīhā i ka lani
'Owē i ka lani
Nunulu i ka lani
Kāholo i ka lani

Aileen: Ancestors from the rising to the setting sun
From the zenith to the horizon
Ancestors who stand at our back and front
You who stand at our right hand
A breathing in the heavens
An utterance in the heavens
A clear ringing voice in the heavens
A voice reverberating in the heavens.

Ulu: *Eia nā pulapula a 'oukou 'o ka po'e Hawai'i*
E mālama 'oukou ia mākou
E ulu i ka lani
E ulu i ka honua
E ulu i ka pae 'āina o Hawai'i

Aileen: Here are your descendants, the people of Hawai'i
Safeguard us
That we may flourish in the heavens
That we may flourish on earth
That we may flourish throughout Hawai'i

Ulu: *E hō mai i ka 'ike*
E hō mai i ka ikaika
E hō mai i ke akamai
E hō mai i ka maopopo pono
E hō mai i ka 'ike pāpālua
E hō mai i ka mana

Aileen: Grant us knowledge
Grant us strength
Grant us intelligence
Grant us understanding
Grant us insight
Grant us power

KA KĀHEA
GREETING

Haunani Pacheco

We gather this day as God's people
conscious of those who have died
and of how fragile our existence is here on earth.
We come to this moment
to comfort and to support one another
in our common loss.
We gather to hear God's word of hope
that can drive away our despair
and move us to offer God our praise.
We commend to God with thanksgiving
the lives of those who have gone before us,
for whether we live or whether we die
we belong to Christ who is Lord
both of the dead and of the living.

It is God who has made us, and we are God's,
we are God's people,
and the sheep of God's pasture.

KA HĪMĒNI
The Hymn

“Iesū No Ke Kahuhipa”
SCHCC Officers

*Ie - sū no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa maika 'i e,
E - ia mā - kou. ka 'o - ha - na, Ke ho 'o - lo - he a ha - hai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.*

*Ka 'i mā - li - e 'ia mā - kou la, Ma na ka - ha - wai ma - ka 'i
Ma na ku - la u - li - u - li, Ka - hi ma - lu e ma - lu ai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai,
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai,*

*Mai ho 'o - ku 'u i kou 'o - ha - na, 'O 'au - wa - na i o i 'a ne 'i,
Ma na wa - hi ho 'o - hi - hi - a, Ma na wao - na - he - le e.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pā mai ka 'i.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pā mai ka 'i*

HO'OHALI'A
Service of Remembrance

Kealahou Alika

The “*Aha 'Āina Wai Maka*” or “Feast of Tears” was traditionally celebrated by our *kupuna* to mark the first anniversary of a person's death. It was the understanding of our *kupuna* That tears were initially shed at the time of a person's death because of the sorrow of losing a loved one.

Tears were also shed during the “‘*Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka.*” However, the tears that were shed were tears primarily of joy – joy because for loved ones, there is no more pain or suffering, even death itself has passed. But there is still the pain of the loss we all share.

HALI‘A ALOHA Laurie Kauleināmoku, Haunani Pacheco, Uluwehi Sai, Aileen Trout,
Cherished Memories Joanne Kishimori, Debbie Wong Yuen, Clem Malani & Ka‘iulani Hess

Laurie: We come to this moment holding within our hearts and minds cherished memories of those who have gone before us. We give thanks that *Ke Akua* knows each one by name as we have known them.

Bishop William W. How was born in England in 1823. He died in Ireland in 1897. He was three years old when the first mission company of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions arrived in Kailua, Kona. He was called both the “poor man’s bishop” and “the children’s bishop” for his work among the poor and among factory workers. He wrote the lyrics to the hymn, “For all the Saints, who from their labors rest.”

**Kealahou: For all the saints, who from their labors rest
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless’d. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Haunani: From the island of Kaua‘i:

Uluwehi: From the island of Moloka‘i

Aileen: From the island of Maui:

**Kealahou: Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
‘mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Joanne: From the island of O‘ahu:

**Kealahou: Oh, bless’d communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Debbie: From the island of Hawai‘i, West Hawai‘i

Clem: From the island of Hawai‘i, East Hawai‘i

Ka‘iulani: For Others who have been a part of our State Council ‘ohana:

KA HĪMENI

The Hymn

“Imi I Ke Kahu”
SCHCC Officers

*‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, Ka - hu a - la - ka ‘i,
Ko - mo ma ka pu - ka o ka pa mai - ka ‘i
Ma - lu no ma - lo - ko pa - le - kau a nō,
Ko - mo mai a ma - lu mau.*

Hui: *‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, ‘I - mi a - no no.
‘I - mi ia Ie - sū la, Ka - hu mai - ka ‘i mau,
‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, Mai au - wa - na e,
Ku - a - no la a ha - hai.*

*Ku a hea ke Ka - hu, Ka - hu a - ka - hai,
Lo - he i ko - na le - o, ko - mo ko - ke. a ‘e.
La - ko i na pono, kei ka po - mai - ka ‘i
Ko - mo mai a ma - lu mau. (Hui)*

HĀMAU

A Moment of Silence

Keoki Kiwaha

In a moment of silence, we remember our ancestors who stand in back and in front of us – from the rising to the setting sun – we remember all the days and months and years in between when babies were born and children grew up; when others committed themselves to one another and when loved ones and friends among us came to the end of their earthly lives; when others moved away to new places and others returned home.

We recognize and we celebrate these times of passage, of endings and new beginnings even now as we share this time of *aloha* and give thanks for the many ways in which we were able to become a part of each other’s lives. We give thanks that we have been able to discern God’s path through the community of the faithful who have gone before us.

KA PULE

A Prayer

Frank Mulec

E pule kākou. Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for your steadfast *aloha* for those who have gone before us, for all the days of their earthly lives.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for those who have lived among us. We lift our prayer of thanksgiving to you.

Grant us your peace and keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of your love made known to us in Christ Jesus, our risen Savior. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

Mahalo ke Akua. Thanks be to God. Amen.

KA PULE HO‘OKU‘U

Benediction

Debbie Wong Yuen

KA HO‘OPAU ‘ANA
The Postlude

“E Aloha Mai” (Numbers 6:24-26)
SCHCC Officers

E alo - ha mai, ke A - kua iā mā - kou a'e ho 'o - mai - ka 'i mai ho 'i
(The Lord bless you and keep you;)

iā mā - kou, a'e ho 'o - mā - la -ma -la - ma mai ko - na ma - ka iā mā - kou.
(the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you;)

kona ma - ka iā mā - kou, kona maka iā mā - kou.
(the Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
201st Aha Pae'āina/Aha Iki

Annual Meeting
9:00am – 1:00pm

AGENDA
June 15, 2023

- | Official Opening of 201 st Aha Pae'āina | Conference |
|---|--------------|
| 1. CALL TO ORDER @ _____ | S. Matsuyama |
| 2. OPENING PULE/OHANA/LULU* | T. Bissen |
| (* Please make checks payable to SCHCC)
(Mail to: Frank Mulec, P.O. Box 1065, Pahoā HI 96778) | |
| 3. ROLL CALL / QUORUM: Yes ___ No ___
Member Churches: _____ Delegates: _____ Partnership: _____ | K. Kiwaha |
| 4. NECROLOGY SERVICE | K. Alika |
| 5. GREETINGS | S. Matsuyama |
| 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | S. Matsuyama |
| 7. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2022 | K. Kiwaha |
| 8. FINANCIAL REPORT | F. Mulec |
| 8.1. Treasurer's Report | |
| 8.2. Proposed Budget FY 23/24 | |
| 8.3. Kokua Mau | |
| 8.4. Makeke | |
| 9. CONFERENCE STAFF/SCHCC OFFICER'S REPORT | |
| 9.1 Conference Minister | D. Popham |
| 9.2 Advisor | B. Matsuyama |
| 9.3 President | S. Matsuyama |

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1. Repair & Maintenance
- 10.2. Kahu Richard Wong Endowment
- 10.3. William Kahuakai Keliioomalu Scholarship
- 10.4. Katherine and Clay Wery Fund

- L. Motas
- A. Trout
- S. Matsuyama
- B. Matsuyama

11. ISLAND COUNCIL REPORTS

- 11.1. Kauai Council
- 11.2. Oahu Council
- 11.3. Topside Council
- 11.4. Maui Council
- 11.5. WH Council
- 11.6. EH Council

- H. Pacheco
- J. Kishimori
- U. Sai
- A. Trout
- D. Wong Yuen
- C. Malani Jr

12. PARTNERSHIP REPORT

- 12.1. Pu'a Foundation

- T. Bissen

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 13.1. 501c3
- 13.2.
- 13.3.

14. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- 14.1. Proposed Budget FY 23/24
- 14.2.
- 14.3.

15. REFLECTION/CONCERNS

- 15.1.
- 15.2.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 16.1. FY 23/24, Proposed Meeting Dates: 7/29/23, 10/28/23, 1/27/24, 4/27/24
- 16.2.
- 16.3.

17. ADJOURNMENT @ _____ / _____

18. CLOSING PULE

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

2022 ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
via Zoom

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Boyd Matsuyama, President, at 8:45 a.m.
- ATTENDANCE** See *Appendix A*.
- PULE/'OHANA** *Kahu* Janice Ogoshi led the *Pule/'Ohana* time. She opened with a *pule* and then invited Uluwehi Sai and Earlene Iaea to read the Scripture from Deuteronomy 26:1-11. The title of her devotional was "My Father was a Wandering Aramean . . ."
- In calling attention to the theme for the 200th 'Aha Pae'aina – "From Generation to Generation" – Janice emphasized the importance of "passing down our faith . . . by telling stories of God's work and faithfulness." She shared stories of her own family's origins in Japan and their migration to Hawai'i. She then cited the instructions to the Israelites in the reading from Deuteronomy to tell the story of how God had been present with them from "generation to generation."
- Lūlū** The offerings from the "first fruits of [our] harvest" is in response to God's blessings – "not just in the immediate present, but the blessings experienced over time, from generation to generation." Janice concluded her meditation by inviting those present to send their *lūlū* to Uncle Frank Mulec, Treasurer, at: P.O. Box 1065, Pāhoa, Hawai'i, HI 96778-1065.
- ROLL CALL/ QUORUM** Kealahou Alike, SCHCC Secretary, began the roll call by the churches of each of the 6 Island Councils. *Appendix A* includes a listing of all of the Lay, Clergy and SCHCC Directors who were present as voting delegates. At the time of the roll call, 3 of the voting delegates representing 2 active Member Churches had yet to arrive at the meeting.
- Based on the roll call of the churches, 26 churches were present. A quorum was declared.
- A total of 34 voting delegates were present at the time of the roll call, including 9 Clergy, 21 Lay and 4 SCHCC Board of Directors. When the polling was taken on the nomination and election of new officers, the number of voting delegates increased to 10 Clergy and 23 Lay and the number of churches increased to 27. The number of Voting Delegates also include 4 members of the SCHCC Board of Directors.
- AGENDA** Boyd presented the agenda (*Appendix B*). He called on Lori Yamashiro, HCUC Staff, to provide Voting Delegates with instructions on how the polling will take place for the nomination and election of new officers. Lori noted that Voting Delegates will be moved to a "breakout room" where the polling will take place.

"Non-Voting" Visitors/Guests will remain on the meeting site.

With no further discussion, it was agreed by unanimous consent to adopt the Proposed Agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the SCHCC Annual Meeting held on June 15, 2021 were presented for review and approval. With no corrections, additions or deletions to be made, the minutes of the SCHCC Annual Meeting of June 15, 2021 was approved by consensus.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Frank Mulec, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

A. Financial Report – FY 2021-2022

Balance

The Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2021 was \$19,171.07. The Ending Balance as of March 31, 2022 was \$23,235.39.

Unbudgeted
Items

Frank pointed out that there were 2 unbudgeted item expenses that included a *makana* to Pū'ā Foundation (\$500) and Insurance/Liability Coverage (\$1,500).

B. SCHCC Proposed Budget FY 2022-2023

Attention was called to the SCHCC Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Frank noted that the amount is based on the previous year's budget that includes Insurance/Liability Coverage. Approval of the Proposed Budget will be made under New Business.

Pualani Muraki asked a question about the amount listed for Church Dues for FY 2021-2022 (\$2,250) and for FY 2022-2023 (\$2,000). Frank noted that the Church Dues for FY 2021-2022 included anticipated income from 45 Member Churches (40 active Member Churches and 5 inactive Member Churches).

A decision was made to include *only* the active member churches in the projection on Church Dues for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

C. *Kōkua Mau*

Kōkua Mau includes a listing of the funds available for disbursement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, including the following:

- Fund for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches: \$40,000
- *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund: \$7,000
- William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund: \$2,500
- Katherine & Clay Wery Fund: \$2,500
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Members were reminded that information and application forms are available through the Hawai'i Conference website.

D. *Makēkē* – April 30, 2022

In the past, the *Makēkē* was held at the "in-person" meetings of the *'Aha Iki*. Since the COVID pandemic and in more recent years, the *Makēkē* has become a twice-yearly appeal for monetary donations. Frank reported that a total of \$2,310 was received in 2021 from 13 churches, 2 individuals and 1 Island Council.

A *Makēkē* appeal letter was sent to the SCHCC member churches on July 31, 2021 and again on September 21, 2021.

REPORTS

A. Conference Minister – *Kahu* David Popham

Kahu David Popham noted that what is included in his report will be shared at the *'Aha Makua* as a part of his assessment of the "state of the Conference."

B. Advisor's Report – Sharon Matsuyama

The report is on file.

C. President's Report – Boyd Matsuyama

The report is on file.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

A. Repair & Maintenance – Lorna Motas

Looking Back

Lorna Motas reported that two outstanding projects in Kona remain to be completed including Helani Congregational Church and Hau'oli Kamana'o Congregational Church. Helani received a grant in 2019 and is faced with the challenges of securing the permits needed in order to proceed with their work. No timeline or end-date has been set for the completion of the work.

Hau'oli Kamana'o received a grant in 2019 for the fumigation of the church and kitchen and the replacement of its roof. That work has been completed but work remains to be done on the installation of new kitchen cabinets.

Kalaikamanu Hou also received a grant in 2019 and was able to complete their repair work in 2022. A final report with photographs has been received.

Current
Projects

Lorna then called attention to the report for churches that received grants in 2022. They included Ola'a First Hawaiian (Hawai'i), Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali (Maui) and Kalaikamanu Hou and Wāialua (Moloka'i).

The grants that were approved by the SCHCC Board of Directors on January 29, 2022 included the following amounts:

- Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	\$ 3,900
- Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church	9,000
- Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church	12,300
- Waialua Congregational Church	14,800

The repairs range from termite treatments to new window installations and upgrades to lighting. The total amount available for grants in 2022 was \$40,000.

Because the total amount requested exceeded what was available by \$4,598, the amounts that were granted were based on a percentage of the total amount of each project and the amount of the grant request.

B. *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund – Aileen Trout

Aileen reported that no applications were received by October 2021 deadline.

The annual allotment from the *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund is \$7,000. The fund provides support for various programs. It also provides support for building repairs.

Because of the shortfall of \$4,598 for Member Churches that applied for grants from the Fund for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches, it was suggested that applications for the Wong grant program be re-opened.

It was reported that the SCHCC Board of Directors voted at its January 29, 2022 to support the recommendation by the *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund Committee to re-open the application processes to all SCHCC member churches.

Kalaiakamanu Hou, Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali and Waialua were all encourage to apply and all were able to receive the balance of funds needed for their respective projects.

In addition, Wai'oli Hul'ia Church in Hanalei, Kaua'i submitted an application for a youth activity at the church. A grant of \$2,000 was approved for the youth program.

C. William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund – Sharon Matsuyama

No applications were received for the Fiscal year 2021-2022. The guidelines for the fund stipulates that grants are available to persons who have already been ordained. The purpose is to cover postgraduate continuing education expenses.

Mention was made again about whether or not the restrictions on the fund could be changed to allow those who are seeking a seminary education, and have yet to be ordained, to apply. Mention was also made that this would require consulting with the family of *Kahu* Keli'ihō'omalū who provided the gift.

D. Katherine & Clay Wery Fund – Boyd Matsuyama

Boyd reported that a grant of \$2,500 was approved for a program on teen suicide through the Topside Moloka'i Council. Because of the pandemic, the program was put on hold and remains on hold.

E. Other

Linda Ka'auwai Iwamoto inquired about the availability of scholarship funds. She said she recently received a Certificate of Completion from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley and is now interested in pursuing further study for a Masters of Divinity Degree.

Naleen Andrade said "there may be room" in the Wery for providing support for those seeking to serve in the ordained ministry. She noted what "better way to provide our churches with trained leaders" than to provide the financial support that is needed.

Naleen suggested that the HCUCC, AHEC and SCHCC work together collaboratively to provide the financial resources to train future pastors for the Hawaiian churches.

ISLAND COUNCIL
REPORTS

A. Kaua'i Council – Haunani Pacheco

Haunani reported that the members churches of the Kaua'i Council continue to be active. With the help of *Kahu* Valerie Ross, Associate Conference Minister for Kaua'i, the Island Council was able to approve the amended *Bylaws* on August 28, 2022.

The full report is on file.

B. O'ahu Council – Ka'lulani Hess

The report is on file.

C. Topside Moloka'i Council – Uluwehi Sai

Uluwehi expressed her appreciation to Earlene Iaea for preparing the Topside report. She noted that some have asked about the name "Topside." Uluwehi explained that it represents the four churches on the Topside of the island but does not include Kana'ana Hou and Siloama Churches at Kalawao and Kalaupapa on the Mākanalua Peninsula.

D. Maui Council – Aileen Trout

The report is on file. She made mention that while the church at Kahakuloa remains inactive with the Island Council, work on the restoration of the church continues. Ka'ahumanu Church has launched a \$2 million capital campaign for the repair and restoration of the church.

F. West Hawai'i Council – Debra Wong Yuen

The report is on file.

G. East Hawai'i Council – Frank Mulec

The report is on file.

PARTNERSHIP
REPORT

A. Pū'ā Foundation – Toni Bissen

The report is on file. Some discussion followed on the ongoing work of the foundation including its focus on "trauma to transformation; incarceration to independence" for Native Hawaiian women. Naleen made mention of her "studies" on the "polity of the United Church of Christ." She found that one of the outcomes of the 1993 apology by the church for its complicity in the overthrow of the Hawaiian nation was the redress and reparations made to three entities including: the individual Native Hawaiian churches that existed at the time of the overthrow and that still exist today; the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Association (AHEC); and the Pū'ā Foundation.

She suggested that the HCUCC, AHEC and SCHCC should provide ongoing support to the Pū'ā Foundation and its work to "bring social justice to Native Hawaiians." She expressed her appreciation for the work Toni has done:

Kahu Kenneth Makuakane spoke of his work with Judge Mike Town over the last four years. A five-member group has been meeting to discuss the plans for the construction of a \$1 billion prison facility. The concern about the current prison system is that it not does provide effective programs for the reintegration of former inmates (women, men and youth) back into the community.

Toni noted that the work of the Pū'ā Foundation is at different levels and not only within the existing prison system. The Peer Support Training Program is an example of women who were once incarcerated providing support for other incarcerated women.

Toni added that in her work with Mark Patterson, a member of Kaumakapili Church and former member of the Pū'ā Foundation's Board of Directors, she came to understand the importance of "seeing" prison as a "*pu'uhonua*" or a place of healing. Mark was the former Warden for the Women's Community Correctional Center on O'ahu. He became the Warden of the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) in 2014.

RECESS A recess was called at 10:38 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

SPECIAL ORDER A. Election of Officers – Boyd Matsuyama

Boyd called attention to pages A56-A66 of the SCHCC Booklet for Nomination Forms for the nominees for SCHCC Officers. They included the following:

- | | | |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nominees | - President | Sam Masilamoney
Sharon Matsuyama |
| | - Vice-President | Lorna Motas |
| | - Treasurer | Frank Mulec |
| | - Secretary | Wyren Keoki Kiwaha |

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary were open to the floor. With no further nominees, the nominations were closed.

Terms of Service A question was raised on term limits. Boyd noted that officers may be elected to serve two consecutive 2-year terms. There are no term limits.

If there are no nominations for a position, the SCHCC *Bylaws* includes a provision that the SCHCC President may appointment someone to a position with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Polling Voting Delegates, including Lay and Clergy delegates and SCHCC Board of Directors, were directed to a "breakout room" for polling. Lori Yamashiro, HCUCC Staff, served as the monitor. The following results were reported:

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| - President | Sam Masilamoney | 11 votes or 31% |
| | Sharon Matsuyama | 25 Votes or 69% |
| - Vice-President | Lorna Motas | 35 Votes or 97% |
| - Treasurer | Frank Mulectr | 35 Votes or 97% |
| - Secretary | Wyren Keoki Kiwaha | 35 Votes or 97% |

One Voting Delegate did not respond.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

A. Mail-In Ballot Results – Boyd Matsuyama & Kealahou Alika

Because a quorum of member churches (21 or more) was not present at the June 15, 2021 SCHCC Annual Meeting, mail-in ballots were sent to the 27 member churches that officially registered for the meeting. Member Churches were asked to vote on two times including 1) The minutes of the SCHCC Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, October 5, 2020 and 2) The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. Of the 27 member churches that received and returned the mail-in ballots, all approved both items.

B. Addendum – “Celebrating Advocacy” Book – Aletha Kaohi

Aletha Kaohi provided an update on the addendum to the SCHCC “Celebrating Advocacy” book. Both she and Sharon Matsuyama continue to work with Christopher Cook on the arrangements with a printer in Washington state.

Aletha said a proof has been provided by Chris and passed on to Sharon Matsuyama for a final edit. Sharon reported that she found several errors and that they will be corrected before the final proof is sent to the publisher.

Aletha apologized for the delay in the publication of the addendum noting that Uncle Stanley Lum died around the time that the text was being proof-read, and Chris was also off-island.

Boyd noted that there is still an inventory of books from the original printing. The original copies as well as the addendums will be stored at Kaumakapili Church.

A price for the addendum has not yet been established. Some may decide to order the original as well as the addendum. The original book contains a timeline and rich history of the SCHCC that is not be included in the addendum.

However, Sharon will include an account of the activities SCHCC in the addendum that will cover the period from 2008 to the present.

NEW
BUSINESS

A. Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023

Attention was called to the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. With no discussion, the Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023 was approved by unanimous consent.

B. *Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws* – Lorna Motas

Lorna provided a summary of the actions that were taken to update the SCHCC *Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws*:

- The Executive Committee began the process of applying for a 501 (c) (3) non-profit status in July 2021. With the help of a legal counsel, it was discovered that both documents needed to be updated. Legal counsel will be engaged.
- The first draft of the amended Bylaws was presented to the SCHCC Board of Directors at its September 2021 meeting.
- The amended Bylaws were presented to the SCHCC Board of Directors for approval on January 29, 2022. In preparation for the meeting, letters were sent to all of the SCHCC Member Churches inviting each to submit any inquiries regarding the amendments. No questions were raised.
- A final draft of the amended *Bylaws* was completed on November 17, 2021.
- The *Articles of Incorporation* were also updated and included with the first draft of the amended *Bylaws*.

With no questions or objections, the amended Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws were adopted by unanimous consent.

REFLECTIONS

Boyd invited delegates and visitors to share their *mana'o*.

Laurie Kauleināmoku expressed her appreciation for the hard work that was done in preparation for the meeting. Boyd said it was his “honor and pleasure to serve.” Kealahou offered his words of appreciation for Boyd’s leadership.

Naleen applauded the “exceptional leadership” of the SCHCC during a difficult time, exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. She said words of appreciation may offered. She suggested that there may a time when we will be able to meet again face-to-face. “We ought to have a time of celebration for Boyd and Kealahou” for their service.

It was suggested that the celebration also include Auntie Aletha Kaohi.

ANNOUCEMENTS

The Proposed Meeting Dates for the SCHCC Board of Directors included the following:

- Saturday, July 30, 2022
- Saturday, October 29, 2022
- Saturday, January 28, 2023
- Saturday, April 29, 2023

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Kahu David Popham led the service for the Installation of Officers for the newly elected officers.

NECROLOGY SERVICE Kealahou led the Necrology Service with the *kōkua* of Lorna Motas, Boyd Matsuyama, Frank Mulec, Sharon Matsuyama, Haunani Pacheco, Aileen Trout and Ka'iulani Hess. See *Appendix C* for a full listing of those who were remembered.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kealahou Alikea at 12:09 p.m.

Ma ka inoa o Iesū,

Kealahou Alikea, Secretary

Appendices A, B & C

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ (HCUCC)
2022 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Name	Church/Partner	Voting Delegates			Non-Voting
		Clergy	Lay	SCHCC	
1. James 'A'arona	Kaulanapueo CC	x			
2. Pualani Akaka	Kalaiaakamanu Hou CC	x			
3. Cynthia Akimseu	Haili Church		x		
4. Kealahou Alike	SCHCC, Secretary			x	
5. Kalei Arinaga	Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant C		x		
6. Naleen Andrade	Kahikolu CC	x			
7. Toni Bissen	Pū'ā Foundation				x
8. Judy Buettner	Kaulanapueo CC		x		
9. Julie Buto	HCUCC, Staff				x
10. Kerisa Carmelo	Kalapana Maunakea CC		x		
11. Pam Finamore	Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali CC		x		
12. Wendy Ann Garcia	Kaumakapili Church		x		
13. Rachel Glanstein	Parliamentarian				x
14. Ka'iulani Hess	Kawaiaha'o Church		x		
15. Wayne Higa	Ka'ahumanu Church	x			
16. Earlene Iaea	Kalua'aha CC		x		
17. Linda Ka'auwai Iwamoto	Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church		x		
18. Aletha Kaohi	Hanapēpē Hawaiian Church				x
19. Edie Kapiko	Keawala'i CC		x		
20. David Kaupu	Kaumakapili Church				x
21. Laurie Kauleināmoku	Lili'uokalani Protestant C		x		
22. Wayne Keoki Kiwaha	Puka'ana CC		x		
23. Toni Ku-Daniels	Kalihi Moanalua Church		x		
24. Eric Lucy	Wai'oli Hui'ia Protestant C	x			
25. Kenneth Makuakane	Kawaiaha'o Church	x			
26. Samuel Masilamoney	Kona Lanakila Church	x			
27. Boyd Matsuyama	SCHCC, President				x
28. Sharon Matsuyama	Puka'ana CC			x	
29. Vivian Maunakea	HCUCC, Staff				x
30. Lorna Motas	SCHCC, Vice-President			x	
31. Frank Mulec	'Opihikao CC		x		
32. Pualani Muraki	Kona Lanakila Church		x		

Name	Church/Partner	Voting Delegates			Non-Voting
		Clergy	Lay	SCHCC	
33. Manu Naeole	Kalihi Moanalua Church				
	Bishop Memorial Church	x			
34. Christine Nu'uhiwa	HCUCC, Staff				x
35. Janice Ogoshi	Kalaikamanu Hou CC	x			
36. Haunani Pacheo	Wai'oli Hui'ia Church		x		
37. Russell Paio	Laupahoehoe CC		x		
38. David Popham	HCUCC, Conference Minister				x
39. Jonathan Roach	HCUCC, ACM				x
40. Uluwehi Sai	Kalaikamanu Hou CC		x		
41. Alexis Maunakea Stang	Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church		x		
42. Sandi Sterker	Hanapēpē Hawaiian Church		x		
43. Aileen Trout	Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali CC			x	
44. Walter Wong Yuen	Kauaha'ao CC		x		
45. Debra Wong Yuen	Kauaha'ao CC	x			
46. Lori Yamashiro	HCUCC, Staff				x
47. Joanne Yoshimori	Kahikuonālani Church		x		
48. Naomi Yokotake	Wai'oli Hui'ia Protestant Church		x		

LEGEND:

ACM	Associate Conference Minister
C	Church
CC	Congregational Church
HCUCC	Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ
SCHCC	State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
200th Aha Pae'āina/Annual Meeting

AGENDA
June 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER @ _____ B. Matsuyama
2. OPENING PULE/OHANA/LULU* J. Ogoshi
(* Please make checks payable to SCHCC
(Mail to: Frank Mulec, P.O. Box 1065, Pahoa HI 96778)
3. ROLL CALL / QUORUM: Yes _____ No _____ K. Alika
Member Churches: _____ Delegates: _____ Partnership: _____
4. GREETINGS B. Matsuyama
5. APPROVAL OF AGEND: B. Matsuyama
6. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: K. Alika
 - o June 15, 2021
7. FINANCIAL REPORT P. Mulec
 - o 7.1 - Treasurer's Report
 - o 7.2 - Proposed Budget 2022 – 2023
 - o 7.3 – Other
 - o 7.3.1 - Kokua Mau
 - o 7.3.2 - Makeke
8. CONFERENCE STAFF/SCHCC OFFICER'S REPORT: D. Popham
 - o 8.1 - Conference Minister
 - o 8.2 - Advisor
 - o 8.3 - PresidentS. Matsuyama
B. Matsuyama
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: L. Motas
 - o 9.1. Repair & Maintenance
 - o 9.2. Kahu Richard Wong Endowment
 - o 9.3. William Kahuakai Keliioomalu Scholarship
 - o 9.4. Katherine and Clay Wery Fund
 - o 9.5.
 - o 9.6.A. Trout
S. Matsuyama
B. Matsuyama
10. ISLAND COUNCIL REPORTS: H. Pacheco
 - o 10.1. Kauai Council
 - o 10.2. Oahu Council
 - o 10.3. Topside Council
 - o 10.4. Maui Council
 - o 10.5. WH Council
 - o 10.6. EH CouncilK. Hess
U. Sai
A. Trout
D. Wong Yuen
C. Malani Jr

11. PARTNERSHIP REPORT:
 - o 11.1. PU' A FoundationT. Bissen
12. 12. SPECIAL ORDER:
 - o 12.1 Election of OfficersB. Matsuyama
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRYOVER ITEMS:
 - o 13.1. 2021 Action Items – Mail-In Ballot Results
 - o 13.2. Addendum – Celebrating Advocacy Book
14. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS
 - o 14.1. Proposed Budget 2022 – 2023
 - o 14.2. Articles & Bylaws (mailed to active member churches on 2/11/22)
 - o 14.3
 - o 14.4
15. REFLECTION/CONCERNS
 - o 15.1.
 - o 15.2.
16. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: D. Popham
17. NECROLOGY SERVICE K. Alika
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - o 15.1. FY 22/23, Proposed Meeting Dates: 7/30/22, 10/29/22, 1/28/23, 4/29/23
 - o 15.2
 - o 15.3
19. ADJOURNMENT @ _____
20. CLOSING PULE K. Alika

SCHCC 2022 NECROLOGY

HAWAI'I, EAST HAWAI'I

'Opihikao Congregational Church, 'Opihikao

Harriet "Clara" Daog	October 1, 2021
Lenneth "Da" Pavao Jr.	January 13, 2022

Pu'ula United Church of Christ, Pāhoa

Marjorie "Jeri" Barlow	January 22, 2022
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HAWAI'I, WEST HAWAI'I

Kona Lanakila Church, Kainaliu

Cecilia Ahlo	May 28, 2021
Alexander Ako, Jr.	August 22, 2020

KAUA'I

Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church, Kapa'a

Charleen K.S. Andrade	June 23, 2021
George G. Costa, Jr.	July 6, 2021
James P. "Bully" Mundon	August 27, 2021
Alicia Elisabeth (Blunck) Ka'awai	September 24, 2021

Ko'olau Hui'ia Church, Anahola

Nathan Kalama	July 19, 2021
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Wai'oli Hui'ia Church, Hanalei

Mildred Swan	May 5, 2021
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Waimea United Church of Christ, Waimea

Bill Woodall	Lois Summers	Mary Watanabe
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MAUI

Kalanikahua Hou Church, Ha'ikū-Pawela

Evelyn Ulu Hashimoto April 2022
Rudy Kehano

Kauianapueo Congregational Church, Huelo

Jane Kiakona Akau July 10, 2021

Keawala'i Congregational Church, Mākena

John "Boogie" Pia Lu'uwai April 11, 2017
Inurned January 22, 2022
Allen Teagle March 5, 2020
Inurned January 26, 2022

Lāhuiokalani Kā'anapali Congregational Church, Honokowai

Rita Robinson

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church, Olowalu

Adeline Kamalleolihau Rodrigues February 17, 2022

Waiola Church, Lāhainā

Hinano Kaleleiki December 28, 2021
Rudybelle Garcia April 12, 2022

O'AHU

Kahikuonālani United Church of Christ, Pearl City

Marian Chun April 8, 2022

Kaumakapili Church, Kalihi Pālama

Jack Keppler September 11, 2021
Eugene Muratsuka August 5, 2021

Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu

Ann Bolan Ronald Kia'aina Joel Leong
Abbie Nery Kauī Ramos Dottie Sulso

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
Financial Report FY 2022 - 2023

					Beginning Balance July 1, 2022			\$22,544.52
INCOME:		<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>July-Sept Actual</u>	<u>Oct-Dec Actual</u>	<u>Jan-Mar Actual</u>	<u>Apr - Jun Actual</u>	<u>YTD TOTAL</u>	
Church Dues, 40 @ \$50		2,000.00	0.00	1,150.00	250.00		1,400.00	
Mākeke Donations		2,300.00	0.00	550.00	0.00		550.00	
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund		1,800.00	1,876.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,876.38	
Donations		3,900.00	1,170.00	1,125.00	950.00		3,245.00	
Other Income (reimbursements)		2,650.00	0.00	257.10	359.44		616.54	
TOTAL INCOME		12,650.00	3,046.38	3,082.10	1,559.44	0.00	7,687.92	
EXPENSES:		<i>Budgeted</i>						
Air Fare		4,500.00	715.42	0.00	0.00		715.42	
Resource Persons		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Car Rental/Gas/Parking		1,000.00	60.00	0.00	0.00		60.00	
Lodging		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Meals		600.00	0.00	0.00	260.83		260.83	
Office Expense		400.00	215.06	48.00	129.27		392.33	
Insurance, Liability Coverage		1,400.00	0.00	1,589.00	0.00	0.00	1589.00	
Host Church Makana		1,350.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		150.00	
Friends of the Conference Makana		500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		400.00	916.56	0.00	0.00		916.56	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE		12,650.00	1,907.04	2,137.00	540.10	0.00	4,584.14	
Unbudgeted Expense/ Pū'ā Foundation Makana				2,000.00			2,000.00	
					Ending Balance March 31, 2023			\$23,648.30

State Council of Hawaiian
Congregational Churches

Proposed Budget
FY 2023 - 2024

INCOME:

Church Dues (FY 23-24), 40 @ \$50	\$2,000.00	
Mākeke	2,300.00	
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund	1,800.00	
Donations-churches, individuals, Lulu at mtgs.	3,900.00	
Other Income, reimbursements	2,850.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$12,850.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Air Fare: Executive Committee*	\$4,500.00	
Resource Persons	1,000.00	
Car Rental/Gas/Parking	1,000.00	
Lodging: Executive Committee*	1,500.00	
Meals	600.00	
Office Expenses	400.00	
Insurance, Liability Coverage	1,600.00	
Host Church Makana, (9 mtgs @ \$150)	1,350.00	
Friends of the Conference Makana	500.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses: unbudgeted, underbudgeted	400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>\$12,850.00</u>

(*Pres, VP, Sec, Treas. and Advisor)

Note: Pū'ā Foundation, Makana Budget of \$1,000.00 will be drawn from the Common Trust Fund held by the SCHCC.

State Council of Hawaiian
Congregational Churches

Kōkua Mau

FY 2022-2023

<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE:</u>	(Perpetuate the Funds)
Fund for Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches	\$40,000.00
Kahu Richard W. Wong Fund	\$7,000.00
William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund	\$4,500.00
Katherine & Clay Wery Fund	\$2,500.00
<u>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</u>	<u>\$54,000.00</u>



State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

2022 – 2023 Mākeke Report
June 15, 2023

The 2022 - 2023 SCHCC Mākeke Flyer has been mailed out to all our member churches. As a result of this announcements, the monetary donations received has been a total of **\$ 550.00** from 3 churches, and 1 individual supporter.

We appreciate, recognized, and thank the following churches and individuals for their generous monetary donations and continued support for the SCHCC:

Earline Iaea in memory of Aunty Stella

Hanapēpē Hawaiian Congregational Church

Helani Congregational Church

Kahikolu Congregational Church

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec

SCHCC Mākeke Chair

III. ANNUAL REPORTS

**Report of the Conference Minister to the
201st ‘Aha Pae‘āina of the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)**

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham

When it comes to annual reports, I find myself wondering what to highlight and fearful of what might be left out that should be included. The limitations of these reports are that spotlighting one area of the Conference life cast all other areas in the shadowy margins. My hope is that while drawing attention to a square in the quilt of our common life, that you, dear reader, will connect the one square to the broader, wider, infinitely richer pattern of the full quilt which is the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ.

What is the “it,” that essential piece that Conference ministry is about for the good of its churches and their members, of our clergy and authorized ministers? In a significant respect Conference work is about navigating the expectations and at times conflicting expectations of those churches, members, and ministers who make up this Conference. Let there be no doubt that the canoe we are in as a Conference has been battered in recent years. Lean budgets, limited endowment draws, varying interpretations of legacy-liability, and passionate opinions make for choppy waters and sometimes all-out storms. Throughout it all one imperative remains constant, “Get us home safely.” We find this imperative wondrously expressed in the mele “Hoe Amau.” The first two lines of the refrain: “Pull for the shore, sailor, pull for the shore! Heed not the rolling waves, bend to the oar...”

When we understand this is the work of the Conference it becomes easier to articulate what we are about and how we relate to each other: we help each other get home safely. Once we understand this is the “it” of our being in community with one another, we also comprehend why each entity within the Conference exists. Simply put, each entity carries within it a part of getting us home safely which would otherwise be missing.

Within the system of the Hawai‘i Conference, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches works to advocate for and champion the needs of historical Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Your advocacy and championing of these needs keeps us pulling to shore and not mistaking a rocky outcrop for safe harbor just as your bending to the oar keeps us from becoming lost in a vast ocean. The SCHCC in publishing the addendum to the Advocacy

Book continues to provide landmarks and buoys that mark our path and point us to the coastline.

This year the Executive Council (the four officers of the Conference, plus one at large member from the Conference Council) agreed that our canoe needed help in navigating the most treacherous waters of our journey: our internal conflicts. To this end they invited the full Conference Council to engage the work of neutral mediators Elizabeth Kent, Leolinda Iokepa, and Peter Adler, for sometimes navigating choppy waters involves those who know the ways of tides and undercurrents lost to our memory. Following the first report of the neutral mediators, the Council decided to continue with them in the hope they can assist us in getting home safely.

The theme for the 2023 'Aha Makua is "Discerning God's Path as the Community of the Faithful." The SCHCC remains a part of our community of the faithful. Mahalo for your partnership.



*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
201st Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Aha Iki /Virtual - June 15, 2023*

Advisor's Report

Aloha kakou,

As another year comes to an end, we mahalo Ke Akua for bringing us into a new year. Seems we were in this time yesterday and now we are beginning anew.

I mahalo our SCHCC ohana for supporting me this past year as your newly appointed advisor and look forward to our continuing journey together in this new year.

This past year, we completed two (2) items carried as old business on our agenda.

1. We finalized and published our Addendum-Celebrating Advocacy Past, Present & Future book, now available for purchase.
2. We scheduled a Hooponopono workshop facilitated by Kumu Earl Kawa'a and haumana, Nahoa Lucas, Dana Sato and Ben Akana.

The SCHCC participated in Pu'a Foundation's Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation and blessing celebration.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partner; Haunani Pacheco – **Kauai**, Kaiulani Hess – **Oahu**, Uluwehi Sai – **Molokai Topside**, Aileen Trout – **Maui**, Clem Malani, Jr – **East Hawaii**, Debbie Wong Yuen – **West Hawaii**, Toni Bissen- **Pu'a Foundation**, and David Popham – **Conference Minister**, mahalo for your leadership and unending support of the SCHCC.

As we prepare to gather virtually for our 201st Aha Pae'aina, the SCHCC will be the only entity holding its annual meeting during the Aha Iki.

To our Executive Committee; Sharon Matsuyama – **President**, Lorna Motas – **Vice President**, Keoki Kiwaha – **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, Kealahou Alike – **Resource Person** and Boyd Matsuyama – **Advisor**, mahalo for being ho'okahi ka pu'uwai i ko kakou kuleana.

In His Service,

Boyd Matsuyama
Boyd Matsuyama - Advisor



**State Council of
Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

**SCHCC Annual Meeting
(via ZOOM) - June 15, 2023**

President's Report

Aloha SCHCC Ohana,

I think you will all agree that we have had quite a year, so far. It's been exciting! It's been challenging and more importantly.....it's been a year full of love and support from each of you. Mahalo for that!

In an earlier report, specifically in my April 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting report, I shared a couple of exciting events that took place in March and April 2023, which included:

- 1) a Ho'oponopono Workshop held at Kaumakapili Church in Honolulu, on March 11, 2023. Mahalo to Boyd Matsuyama and Uluwehi Sai, for a great job with planning this wonderful workshop facilitated by Earl Kawaa, Ho'oponopono Practitioner and his haumana, Nakoia Lucas, Dana Sato and Ben Akana: and**
- 2) the Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation, which took place on April 11, 2023 in Hilo. Mahalo to Toni Bissen, Executive Director of Pu'a Foundation and Partner of SCHCC. Mahalo also to Toni's Office Staff, Debbie Victor and Kimmie Takata for the excellent work that they continue to do for Pu'a Foundation.**

For me, both events were without a doubt, excellent! As I shared in that report, the Ho'oponopono Workshop and the Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation and blessing celebration were educationally informative and for me, personally, afforded the opportunity to understand what each event was about. I pray that we will be able to schedule more events like that, in the near future.

There have been many things keeping us busy and we will continue to be busy as we move forward. Much mahalo to our Officers and Board Members, and our regular "guest" attendees/participants. A special mahalo to our Advisor, Boyd Matsuyama, who has been the "willing vessel" with helping our organization stay apprised with the different issues we have been dealing with.

At our January 2023 Board Meeting, the history of the SCHCC (shown below) was shared. This information will continue to be shared in my reports, so that each reader will hopefully, appreciate the what and the why of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches' existence. Again, as a friendly reminder, I

share this important information, to continue helping us learn about how this organization helps our Hawaiian Churches. To help you understand what "we" are about.....I again share a little history with you:

About Us: *The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) traces its roots back to the 1948 'Aha Pae'aina of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (the precursor to today's Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ. The State Council was set up to provide leadership for Hawaiian churches, promote their work, and to nurture fellowship.*

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches was formally recognized at the 1952 'Aha Pae'aina. It continues today with approximately forty four member churches working together to keep alive the legacy and traditions of the native Hawaiian churches out of a sincere love for the Hawaiian churches and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As representatives and supporters of our respective churches, organizations and each other let us keep moving forward together, in Unity, with faith, trust and love.

It is our hope that this brief history about the SCHCC is more clearly understood, as we continue working with our Hawaiian Churches.

Mahalo and God's blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

**Sharon Matsuyama
President**

cc: Board of Directors

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)
Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (R & M) Report
'AHA IKI - JUNE 15, 2023**

The SCHCC Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Congregational Churches (R & M) Annual 2023 reports on the following:

Outstanding Project from 2018:

- **Helani Congregational Church (Hawaii Island)** No report submitted. Their West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches April 16, 2023 reports indicates that James Walshburn is still the contractor who is seeking someone to conduct soil testing before they can start on the sanctuary wall repairs.
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Completed Projects in 2022:

- **Lahuioakalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church (Maui)**-Aileen Trout reported in November 2022 that the eight original windows in the sanctuary from 1929 were replaced with double hung windows. The project was completed. Pictures and a final report were submitted.
- **Ola`a First Hawaiian Church (Hawaii Island)**-Judith Bailey submitted a final report indicating the termite treatment to their sanctuary, restrooms, and hall were completed.

Uncompleted Projects in 2022:

- **Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church (Molokai)**-Uluwehi Sai reported in her October 2022 report that they were not able to start their project due to an unexpected water leak. Initially they were unable to locate a plumber on island to do the needed repairs to start the R & M project. They have since found a plumber and are now awaiting a date for the plumber to repair the leak.
 - **Waialua Congregational Church (Molokai)** Jo Simms last reported in October 2022 that they were close to completing their project which involved installation of handrails, windows, and lights in the sanctuary. She reported this week that they are still working on the electrical part of the project and have not completed the project as of January 17, 2023. She will submit a report upon completion of the project. Pictures of the new handrails, windows and light were submitted.
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Project requests for 2023:

There was one request submitted by 12/31/2022.

- **Puka`ana Congregational Church (Hawaii Island)**. The church applied to termite tent their sanctuary, hall, and bathroom. The project to tent the hall and bathroom is March 13-14 2023. The sanctuary tenting is May 15-16. A letter was sent to Andy Bunn at the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF), on February 23, informing him this was approved by the R & M Committee, the SCHCC BOD and SCHCC Executive Committee in January 2023. He sent a follow up letter releasing the funding for this project.

- An extension for R & M 2022 applications (for work in 2023) was approved at the January 28, 2023, BOD meeting. Since only one church applied by December 31, 2022, and there was a remaining balance of \$31,200.00, a new deadline was set for March 25, 2023. A letter was sent from Lorna Motas to SCHCC churches via Island Council Representatives who were asked to inform the churches on their respective island of the deadline extension.
 - Four churches responded and met the March 25, 2023 deadline. They are:
 1. Kauaha`ao Congregational Church (Hawaii Island) Termite Tenting
 2. Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church (Molokai) Repair leaks in Social Hall
 3. Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church (Kauai) Termite Tenting church
 4. Keawala`i Congregational Church (Maui) Roof Replacement

Even with the four church's requests, there was a remaining balance of \$2,438.00. The R & M Committee concurred via email on March 30, 2023, to spread the remaining balance between the four small membership Hawaiian churches; Puka`ana, Kauaha`ao, Kalaiakamanu Hou and Hanapepe Congregational churches, based on a % to total cost of the above churches. See the spreadsheet with the details.

A final report was sent to Andy Bunn at the HCF confirming the approval of the four above church's applications by the R & M Committee, the SCHCC Executive Board and the SCHCC Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Motas

Lorna Motas-Chair of SCHCC, R & M Committee

Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches

Year 2022 for project work in 2023

Church	Cost of Project	Church 1/3 Share	Requesting from R & M	total 4 small churches cost	4 of small church % to total of their cost	additional \$\$ from \$2438	total \$ from HCF to church
Puka'ana Cong'l Church	\$ 12,880.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 12,880.00	29.8%	\$ 726.00	\$ 9,526.00
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 1,882.00	\$ 3,762.00	\$ 5,644.00	13.0%	\$ 318.00	\$ 4,080.00
Hanapepe Hawaiian Cong'l Church	\$ 7,853.00	\$ 2,853.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,853.00	18.0%	\$ 439.00	\$ 5,439.00
Keawala'l Cong'l Church	\$ 223,665.00	\$ 213,665.00	\$ 10,000.00	-	0.0%	0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Kalaikamanu Hou Cong'l Church	\$ 17,063.00	\$ 7,063.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,063.00	39.2%	\$ 955.00	\$ 10,955.00
Total	\$ 267,105.00	\$ 229,543.00	\$ 37,562.00	\$ 43,440.00	100.0%	\$ 2,438.00	\$ 40,000.00
NOTES							
total funding	\$ 40,000.00						
total request	\$ 37,562.00						
remaining balance	\$ 2,438.00						

Church	Project Description
Puka'ana Cong'l Church	termite tenting church, bathroom and hall
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church	termite tenting church, bathroom and hall
Hanapepe Hawaiian Cong'l Church	termite tenting church
Keawala'l Cong'l Church	roof replacement
Kalaikamanu Hou Cong'l Church	repair leaks in the community hall

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund

Report of Awards for 2023

June 15, 2023

On June 25, 1990, Kahu Richard W. Wong established the “KAHU RICHARD W WONG ENDOWMENT FUND “to help Hawaiian churches for their:

- educational,
- mission,
- scholarship,
- evangelistic,
- personnel,
- and building needs.*” However, ***“Grants are NOT to be given to build, maintain, or renovate *income producing facilities.*”**

The annual fund allocation is **\$7,000**.

Outstanding Projects:

It has been a long road to repair and improve the **Kaumakapili Church’s** pipe organ. With kokua from a professional organ master from Keawala`i Church on Maui, the project is nearing completion; the project began in 2021.

Projects for 2023:

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church submitted a continuing request for their youth program called *He-Brews Lounge*. The program invites 6-12 graders to spend their Saturday evenings learning of Jesus, developing friendships, strengthen their identity, and feel a belonging to the church community. The church requested \$2,500 from Kahu Richard Wong’s Endowment Fund. Seeing the value of this program, the Board of Directors approved an additional funding of \$1,000 bringing their total grant to **\$3,500**.

Committee:

Aileen Trout, Chair

Linda Norrington, Waiola Church

Boyd Matsuyama, Puka`ana Church



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
P.O. BOX 407
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William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund

(State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches)
Sharon Matsuyama, Chairperson
c/o Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
(808)- 936-1385

SCHCC Annual Meeting
June 15, 2023
(via ZOOM)

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

No funding has been granted for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. The deadline for applying for funding through the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund is by October 15 of each year.

The “William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund” was established as a memorial Scholarship in 1979, following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keliihoomalu. The fund was started with a monetary gift of \$25.00 by Mrs. Ada Larrison, a friend of the family, and continued growing with support from members of the Keliihoomalu ‘Ohana, Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, and many friends. She requested that this gift be placed in a Custodial Account with the Hawaii Conference Foundation, for the purpose of providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing education expenses.

When the fund grew to the amount of \$500.00, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) was appointed Custodian of this Scholarship fund, by Kahu Richard Kamanu. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches turned the funds over to the Hawaii Conference Foundation to be invested. An amount of \$5,000.00 was set, as the starting goal, for using the earned interest income, towards the granting of the scholarship fund, for the purpose stated.

Interested individuals are encouraged to consider requesting financial assistance through this Scholarship fund. Please refer to the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Policy on the SCHCC website by logging on to www.hcucc.org then clicking on Affiliate Organizations. .

If there are any questions, call the telephone number shown on the letterhead of this report.

In His Service,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama,
Chairperson - William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

KATHERINE & CLAY WERY FUND

201st Aha Paeaina/Aha Iki

Annual Meeting

June 15, 2023

Aloha Kakou,

In July 2016, Dr Naleen Andrade, hanai daughter of Katherine Hanley Wery, met with the SCHCC Executive Committee to discuss funding, benefiting Rural Hawaiian Churches.

The Hawaii Conference UCC and Dr Naleen Andrade approved the SCHCC Executive Committee to be the oversight committee of this fund.

Molokai Topside Council approved funding for a community suicide program which was put on hold due to COVID.

Oahu Council requested funding of an individual for seminary support. Request did not qualify under current guidelines and request was denied.

The Executive Committee will review guidelines to better support the needs of its Island Councils and member churches.

Boyd Matsuyama - Advisor

Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (KCHCC)
Annual Report
June, 15, 2023

Member Churches:

Hanapepe Hawaiian
Kapa'a First Hawaiian
Ko'olau Hui'ia
Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau
Wai'oli Hui'ia
Waimea UCC

Officers:

President:	Haunani Pacheco
Vice President:	Linda Ka'auwai-Iwamoto
Secretary:	Bonnie Shimatsu
Treasurer:	Naomi Yokotake
Advisor:	Rev. Barry Mick

The Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches met faithfully on 5 occasions in the past year (July 17, 2022, October 23, 2022, January 15, 2023, March 19, 2023). Our churches continue to navigate through ongoing pandemic issues, decreasing memberships, financial instability, lack of pastors for pulpit supply, and deteriorating buildings. This Bible verse comes to mind. Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

Our Hawaiian churches are resilient and have made their requests known to God. They have been able to continue worship services weekly through Zoom and In-Person services. Here are some of the activities our churches are involved in.

Ko'olau Hui'ia put a sign on Kuhio Highway welcoming people to their Hawaiian service on Sunday mornings. Their church attendance has increased. A youth activity night for ages 8 -16 has been started.

Wai'oli Hui'ia has been successful in attracting keiki and youth to weekly programs specifically designed to their needs. "Keiki Nights" are on Wednesday evenings, "Hi Brews" are on Saturday nights. Wai'oli Hui'ia received 8 new members but there were two families that moved to the mainland.

Hanapepe Hawaiian have been supplementing their income by having rummage sales. They hosted back to school activities with school supplies as prizes. A well attended farewell luncheon for Sandi Sterker was a testament to Sandi's many years of service to her church and her community.

Waimea UCC has attracted lots of children. They had a dinner for children so their parents could have a "date" night. They did a hospital appreciation by preparing goodie bags and prepackaged food and

drinks for the staff. The men of the church prepared a meal for the women of the church for Mother's Day and the keiki made corsages for the women. Kahu Olaf conducts Adult Bible Study weekly at Puakea Assisted Living Facility.

Kapa'a First Hawaiian has recently replaced their roof and other repairs are forthcoming. Their fence has been repaired after a car accident damaged it. Their youth are assigned scripture verses to share in church service on Sundays.

There were two grant request approved by the KCHCC Board. One was from Wai'oli Hui'ia for their "He Brew" youth program. The request was for \$2,500 but SCHCC Board members were impressed with the program and awarded \$3,500.

The other request was from Hanapepe Hawaiian for \$5,000 from the Hawai'i Conference Foundation Repairs and Maintenance – Small Hawaiian Churches fund. The grant request has been forwarded to the committee that reviews this grant request and it is still pending approval.

Our KCHCC churches are small but continue to be a beacon to their communities. They keep the lights on to show the way to those who need to find Christ.

Iesu Pu!

Haunani Pacheco
President - KCHCC

Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Reports from the OCHCC to SCHCC

Saturday, June 15, 2023

OCHCC quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00am, in person at Kahikuonalani Protestant Church. Mahalo to Joanne Kishimori and Kahikuonalani Protestant Church for hosting this meeting in their church hall.

Present / written report: Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne Kishimori), Kaumakapili Church (Wendy Ann Garcia and Lorna Motas), Kawaiaha'o Church (Ka'iulani Hess and Arminta Nishimura) and Liliuokalani Protestant Church (Laurie Kauleinamoku) and Pearl City Community Church (Millie Yee) were present.

Not Present/no written report: Bishop Memorial Chapel (Kahu Manu Nae'ole), Hau'ula Congregational Church (Bessie Kamakeeaina), Ka Hana O Ke Akua (Kahu David Twigg, Phil Ward), Kalihi and Moanalua Church (Toni Ku-Daniels, Waianae Protestant Church (Kahu Hailama Farden).

Old/New Business

- Held elections today. Hoomaikai to our newly elected officers: President: Joanne Kishimori, Kahikuonalani Church; Vice President: Laurie Kauleinamoku, Liliuokalani Protestant Church; Treasurer: Arminta Nishimura, Kawaiaha'o Church. Secretary: Ka'iulani Hess, Kawaiaha'o Church; Advisor: Wendy Ann Garcia, Kaumakapili Church
- Contacted member churches who have not been present at the quarterly meetings to keep in touch, invite and encourage their participation. We received responses from three out of five churches contacted. Waianae Protestant Church was meeting to decide on how they move forward. Ka Hana O Ke Akua has a new church delegate, Phil Ward who prefers to meet by zoom. Hau'ula Protestant Church, Bessie Kamakeeaina was out of town. The church is still waiting for permits.
- ~~OSSSA vacancies remain.~~ Discussions: Shared thoughts of Ho'ike and Aha Mele. Negative: people are busy, very few children attend. Positive: enjoy the fellowship with other churches; Idea: letter to the delegates to survey their church on an idea / a new way in gathering the Oahu Churches in lieu of a traditional Ho'ike or Aha Mele. Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Reflection on Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea entering into a new place; a new way. Trusting God. 1) Lorna Motas to make inquiry with Haole Akaka sharing our thoughts and ideas to get his mana'o and get back to us. If we decide to move forward, Joanne Kishimori: will do a letter requesting that the delegates present a survey on the idea; like, don't like; will participate; will not participate; etc.

- Question on training. Can the training also include the island councils?
- SCHCC Meeting, Saturday, April 29, 2023, (more information to follow); Island Council reports due April 22, 2023
- OAUCC Aha Mokupuni, Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:30am-12noon, flyer invites sent to churches.
- SCHCC 'Aha Iki, Thursday, June 15, 2023, via zoom, more information to follow.
- HCUCC Aha Pae'aina, Aha Makua June 16-17, 2023, via zoom, more information to follow.

Kahikuonalani Church (written report)

Pastor Rick Hirakawa

Moderator David Wong

Delegate: Joanne Kishimori,

Ministries: Outreach - Park and Community – Pastor Rick continues to do the outreach ministry for the church. The church supports him financially by paying for the gas expenses and two members provide the goody bags that Pastor Rick gives out when he does his park ministry. Pastor Rick also does a lot of community outreach ministry. Two recent examples: Pastor Rick joined an interfaith Clergy Prayer vigil on April 4 for the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center. On April 5, Pastor Rick joined Pearl City Community Church for a park ministry at Blaisdell Park.

Another ministry we continue to do is to provide worship space for three congregations on Sunday and other days of the week – United Church of Pohnpei Pearl City, Tuvalu Fou Church, and Wilderness Church in Hawaii.

Other events: Scout Sunday on March 5, 2023 where Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Pack joined us for their annual visit to worship with us. They have been chartered with our church for more than 50 years. Three of them were honored as Eagle Scouts at a ceremony attended by David Wong, who gave the invocation and benediction.

We also had services on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.

On Easter, our Sanctuary was graced by two floral arrangements and two dozen potted blooming lilies provided by Wilderness Church in Hawaii for all the congregations to enjoy their floral arrangements bringing glory to God.

Kaumakapili Church (written report)

Church: Kaumakapili Church

Kahu/Pastor: Pastor Valerie Ross, Interim Minister

Moderator/President: Lorna Motas

Church Delegate: Wendy Ann Garcia

Worship Services

Our worship services have been well attended in person and virtually. We've had a steady stream of congregants in person (approx. 20-25) and with 18 or so virtually every Sunday. We have been blessed beginning our year 2023. Mahalo Ke Akua for guiding us through this period of transitioning.

1/15/23 – Celebrated Queen Lili'uokalani

1/22/23– Kalaupapa Sunday with songs and stories of Kalaupapa Ohana.
Food Bank Sunday – Congregants sharing their contributions with our Outreach Ministry.

February — Preparation for the Lenten Season. Lenten Focus: Fast,Pray,Give.

2/12/23 — Kamehameha Deputation Team w/Kahu Manu Naeole

3/26/23 — Installation of BOD officers.

4/2/23 — Passion Sunday

4/9/23 — Easter Sunday 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Activities Planned for the Keiki & Kupuna.

Baptisms

Life Celebrations

4/1/2023–Eleu Kamakanoe Ornellas Castellanos

Programs, Events,Meetings, Projects

Since my last report we have been blessed many times over with many things going forward into 2023. With Pastor Valerie Ross continuing to shepherd us with her inspirational services. Mahalo Pastor Ross.

Sunday School — Chelsea Fernandez along with her Education MinistryTeam are making headway with our keiki as they ready themselves for Lent & the Easter Season. We will be seeing more from them this year. Kudos to all of them.

Ongoing Bible Studies — This has been one of our biggest blessings that has come out of the pandemic or should I say endemic. The creation of the Women’s Bible Studies and our own Deacon Hauoli Akaka we have learned and experienced and shared much with each other. We have reached places & people all over the pae’aina to hear the Word from the Bible. If you haven’t already experienced it you must join us. Contact our church office for more information.

Outreach Ministries

1. Our ongoing homeless food partnership with Punawai Rest Stop has continued and looks to be successful. As this is a problem in our state we try to do our best to contribute to help as best we can.
2. Ka Hina’i Ho’omoana continues to do their marketing in our community with our seniors, and other community members that need food security. The schedule for the market are as follows: Every Wednesday 9:00-11:00 a.m.. Please contact our church office for further information @ 808 8450908.

Board of Directors Meeting

05/13/23 @10:00 a.m.

Kawaiaha’o Church (written report)

Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne

Moderator: Brandon Keoni Bunag

Delegate: Ka’iulani Hess and Arminta Nishimura

Worship - God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

- Sunday, 8:30am, in person and viewed on our Kawaiaha’o Church TV channel. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 6pm; and Easter Sunday Worship Services in person and viewed on Kawaiaha’o TV channel.
- Light and Salvation Church led by Pastor Shin Oh holds Sunday services for our homeless community each Sunday, 8:30-10:30am. This service includes a hot meal and a worship service in our gym.
- HEBEDOMA WEEK Daily Scripture and Prayer each day in the month of January.
- Pastor James Hahm from Good News Hawai’i Church holds its bible study in our Wedding Center from 11:00am-1:00pm each Sunday.
- Kawaiaha’o Church hosts a monthly morning devotion with the Kawaiaha’o Plaza staff of Kamehameha Schools 8:30-9:00am. These gatherings can be viewed on our Kawaiaha’o Church TV channel.
- Bible Study, Sunday, 10:00am, in person Kane and Wahine.
- Bible Study Fellowship Groups throughout the week via Zoom.
- Sunday School begins in the Sunday worship service at 8:30am and continuing in CE classes after the youth scripture reading.
- Worship Wednesdays, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm.

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects. Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27

- Kawaiaha’o Church historical self-guided, audio-walking tour. Scan QR codes placed throughout campus, download, play from smartphone.
- Host Spring Break high school and college guest choirs who performed in our Sunday Worship Services and free mini concerts after the worship service.
- Music and Performance Department, Nola Nahulu, Church Choir Director provided workshop on history, music, language and culture for guest choirs.
- Host HYOC Concerts with a 100+ youth choir free for family, friends, and community.
- Archives continue the work of digitizing records with a team of supportive workers.
- Workshop Na Makamae O Kawaiaha’o, March 30, 2023, 10-12noon, Liliuokalani Conference Room.
- Youth Friday Nights, 5:00-9:00pm, Games and fellowship in the gymnasium.
- Wednesday Pickle Ball for the community in the gymnasium, 5-8pm.
- Safety and Anti-Violence Workshop (OCHCC), Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10am-12noon, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall, Speaker: Danny Tengan, HCUCC Disaster Ministry Coordinator.
- SCHCC: Workshop: Hooponopono with Kumu Earl Kawaa, Saturday, March 11, 2023, 10:00am-2:00pm, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall.
- AHEC Spring Aha Halawai 2023, Kalanikauhua Hou Protestant Church, Haiku, Maui Island, February 24-25, 2023. Two church delegates and Kahu Ken attended from Kawaiaha’o Church
- Hosted Ali’i Sundays honoring Ke Akua! Acts 17:26-27

Life Celebrations

- Patricia Warren
- Abby Nery
- Henry Imaikalani Young
- Jerold Hansen
- Lydia Maiwela
- Aulani Hoomanawanui
- Lanikiekie Dias
- Kauilani Ramos

Lili'uokalani Protestant Church (LPC) (written report)

Church Name: Lili'uokalani Protestant Church
 Kahu/Pastor: Guest Ministers
 Moderator: John Hirota
 Church Delegate: Laurie H. Kauleinamoku

Worship Services

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -in-person only

15 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai
 22 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai
 29 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai & Na Opio of Kamehameha Schools Intermediate
 Division

(no electricity)

05 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett
 12 Feb 2023 Kahu David Popham
 19 Feb 2023 Kahu D. Neal MacPherson
 26 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)
 05 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)
 12 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)
 19 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)
 26 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)
 02 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Holy Communion)
 09 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day)

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects

14 Jan 2023 Safety Anti-Violence Class @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.
 14 Jan 2023 OCHCC meeting @ Kaumakapili Church following class
 15 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
 22 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
 28 Jan 2023 SCHCC meeting via zoom @ 9:00 a.m.
 29 Jan 2023 LPC Special General Membership meeting re: Cesspool/Septic Tank Issue
 after
 worship service
 29 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
 12 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
 18 Feb 2023 Punahoa Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park

(cancelled due to bad weather)

19 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
 22 Feb 2023 Wedding of Diane Skyland & Wayne Reis officiated by Kahu Kordell Kekoa
 24 Feb-25 Feb 2023 Spring 'Aha Halawai @ Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church in Haiku, Maui
 (church delegate or representative did not attend)

28 Feb 2023 Na Alakai with Papa Makua @ 6:30 p.m. via zoom
 11 Mar 2023 Ho'oponopono Workshop @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.
 18 Mar 2023 LPC Annual Spring Kalua Pig Fundraiser
 21 Mar 2023 SCHCC special meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 25 Mar 2023 Punahoa Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park
 04 Apr 2023 Papa Palapala `Aina-Lapule 2 @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald
 Williams Jr.
 04 Apr 2023 LPC Council meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in board room

Upcoming Events

29 Apr 2023 SCHCC meeting @ 9:00 a.m. via zoom
 20 May 2023 Oahu Association meeting
 21 May 2023 LPC General Membership meeting after worship service
 09 Jun 2023 AHEC `Aha Na kai `Ewalu @ Kaneohe Congregational Church
 15 Jun 2023 `Aha Iki SCHCC Annual meeting via zoom
 16 Jun-17 Jun 2023 `Aha Makua via zoom

Life Celebrations

21 Feb 2023 Services for Joseph Grilho (non-member) at St. Michael's Church

Pearl City Community Church (written report)

Church: Pearl City Community Church
 Kahu/Pastor: Reverend Doctor, Gordon Marchant
 Moderator: Dominic Inocelda
 Delegate: Millie Yee

Worship Services

- Sunday Services at 10:00 am to 11:00 am with viewing online
- Nu'u Lotu Samoan Church worships at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- Sunday School worships at 11:00 am with Jaylin Shirafuji, 12yrs old, leads the Children Worship.

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects

- Reopened its doors to the after-school children. It's designed as a faith-based program that shares God's love and His Word with children in Grades 1-6.
- Sunday School resumed on February 19, Preschool to 12th Grade. There are about 12 students who will participate.
- There are (7) Bible Studies that are available online and in-person.
- Inspirational Ministry hosted "Laughter for the Soul" on Saturday February 25, in the Sanctuary. Jokes and humorous experiences were courageously shared by Church members and guests.
- Easter Sunday, Celebrate Christ's Resurrection! Crafts and Games Activities for children and adults after the service.
- Park Ministry: March 29, fed and distributed toiletries to the less fortunate at Blaisdell Park.

- Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup: The first cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Has adopted a portion of the Pearl Harbor Bike Path between Hawaiian Electric Power Plant and Lehua Avenue.

Baptisms

- We are delighted within our church family to be blessed with the honor of Baptizing two children, Saber Mahi Matsui and Isabela Yap Sinon.

Topside Moloka'i Council Report for 2022

Greetings from Topside Moloka'i Council, which include the congregational churches of Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Kalua'aha and Waialua.

Claire Iveson of Kalaiakamanu Hou continued as Chairperson of the Topside Moloka'i Council. Representatives from **Ho'olehua UCC**: Moderator-Rep Norman Levi and Pualani Akaka, Vice Moderator- Rep, **Kalaiakamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua'aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Secretary, and **Waialua UCC**: Reps Tina Lindsey- He, Louise Laumauna Miguel, Jim Stone and Kahu Janice Ogoshi make up the rest of the council. The position of Vice Chairperson is still vacant. The TMC meets once a month at 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday via ZOOM.

First quarter activities included annual church meetings that were held after church services on different Sundays in January and February. Kahu Janice was able to attend the various meetings due to the change in preaching schedule for that particular Sunday.

Several activities occurred in the month of March. Kalaiakamanu Hou hosted Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Four Bible Study sessions on Lent started March 9 and ended March 30, 2022. Good news proclaimed! Kahu Janice officially became a member of the 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i and will need to decide the date for her installation.

Congregants observed and participated in several activities during the month of April. Maundy Thursday service was held at Kalaiakamanu Hou on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. and Good Friday service from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Ho'olehua. The pavilion at Waialua was the perfect location near the beach to observe the Sunrise at the Easter Service, which was conducted by Kahu Janice at 5:30 a.m. Those who attended were treated to a delicious breakfast after service. Regular service was held at 8 a.m. for Ho'olehua and 9:30 a.m. for Kalaiakamanu Hou.

The 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i meeting was held on May 14, 2022 with James Aarona presiding over ZOOM. Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha were present virtually.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches held their meeting at the 'Aha Iki on June 14, 2022. Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha were included in the ZOOM meeting. Kahu Janice was the only one representing TMC for the 'Aha Pae'aina on June 17, 2022.

The six summer Bible Study sessions entitled "Exploring Different Ways to Pray" were held from June 22 -July 27, 2022 via ZOOM by Kahu Janice.

Aug. 28, 2022 turned out to be a beautiful day for Kahu Janice's installation. It was held at Ho'olehua with congregants from all Topside Churches, friends and guests from the

outer islands. Church ministers and leaders who were present included Kahu Dr. David Popham who gave the sermon, Arlene Pihana from the 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i, Kahu Wendell Davis (AHEC), Kahu Wayne Higa from Kaahumanu Church, Kahu Kealahou Alike, Boyd and Sharon Matsuyama, (SCHCC). All in attendance enjoyed a delicious Hawaiian pa'ina.

The Leadership Project with Dr. Alan Roxburgh for Kahu Janice began in January 2022. She signed up and was accepted for this continuing education course via ZOOM to learn more about new leadership skills that could be helpful and applicable to her position as a settled minister for TMC. She has learned a lot from working with her cohort members and has written about what she has learned and done in her monthly report to TMC. She has formed a Moloka'i Leadership Group that included a member from each Topside Church who acted like a liaison between Kahu and their church. This group has met once a month since September 2022. They are Louise Miguel, Waialua, Earline Iaea, Kalua'aha, Crystal Egusa, Kalaiakamanu Hou and Judie Davidson from Ho'olehua.

There were many activities and events for the last quarter of the year. The month of October included an 'Aha Makua Special budget meeting on Oct. 1, 2022 via ZOOM and were attended by Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha. Oct. 11 - 13, 2022 were the dates of the Pastoral Leadership retreat for na kahu at Stephens Retreat on O'ahu in which kahu Janice participated in person with other ministers.

Topside Bazaar returned after a 2-year hiatus. The first Saturday in November has always been our target date for our annual Bazaar. TMC members and the community displayed much anticipation and excitement, as Nov. 5th got closer. Being able to be face to face with the community again was special as the people checked out the food items in the baked goods and in the 'Dis n Dat' sections, found bargains galore in the rummage area, picked up chicken lunch plates, looked, made a bid and bought items from the silent auction booth, chose and bought a variety of fruit trees, flowers and ornamental plants to take home. The help from Ke Akua, teamwork and community involvement made this event successful.

Kalaiakamanu Hou has celebrated the Thanksgiving eve service yearly. Prayers of Thanksgiving were also shared with those in attendance.

Nov. 24, 2022 was the date for our 6th annual Thanksgiving meal for the community and homebound people. We are very grateful to Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou who has chaired this event since its inception 6 years ago. Kahu Janice graciously donated some of her monetary gifts from her installation for the Thanksgiving meal. Other monetary and food donations were also received. Volunteers with assigned jobs for meal preparation knew what to do so the meal was cooked and prepared in no time at all and served in food containers (400 +) ready to be distributed via drive through or home delivery. We hope next year that people will be able to fellowship face to face in the social hall.

A group of interested congregants met for the last 4 sessions of Bible Study on Advent, which began on Nov 30, 2022 and ended on Dec. 21, 2022 via ZOOM.

The Community Choir was reactivated this year under new leadership and was able to do a Christmas performance for the community at Waialua Church on Dec. 16, 2022. Everyone who enjoyed the performance and stayed after was able to fellowship with each other and enjoy the delicious potluck meal.

A week later, congregants from other kalawina churches and people from the East side community joined together to celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight service with Kahu Janice at Waialua Church. Audience participation took place as Kahu gave her message. Wonderful evening for those who came to service and stayed for the potluck meal. Christmas packages filled with goodies were given out to everyone who attended church. In the meantime, on the west side of the island, Ho'olehua Church also celebrated their own Christmas Eve Candlelight Service planned by their own members. All enjoyed musical selections accompanied by the handbells. A "Shared Service" with Waialua was held at Kalua'aha Church on Christmas Day. It was a glorious day with some children, parents, grandparents and other 'ohana who gathered together to fellowship, have communion and hear Kahu's sermon. Mea 'ono packages were handed out to our visiting church family and other 'ohana.

The representative from Moloka'i to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches is Uluwehi Sai. She has willingly given her time and mana'o to participate at the quarterly meetings via ZOOM. The TMC is very appreciative of her willingness to serve in this capacity. Church renovation project that was started last year has been completed at Waialua Church through a repair and maintenance grant from SCHCC. Kalaiakamanu Hou also received monies to continue with their renovation project. Both churches were appreciative that monies from grants were available for small Hawaiian churches.

Although there are 6 SPI initiatives that originated in 2018 with HCUCC, the Moloka'i Council continued to focus only on one initiative. It is SPI #3: Expansive concept of church: Actively support new or different ways of "being church".

The Food Bank located at the Waialua Church Sunday School Building is open to families once a month. Mary Kalilikane is in charge with helpers Jim Stone and Kahu Janice. This was also a great opportunity for Kahu Janice to greet and meet the people who live in the community. The people who live in this area are very thankful for the food items that are given out once a month.

Kahu Janice has been with the Topside churches for almost three years serving 3 -4 different churches on one Sunday to preach at Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Waialua and Kalua'aha on the fourth Sunday of each month.

She has conducted several Bible Study sessions throughout the year over ZOOM, helped to plan holiday and special occasion services with various churches, made visits to homebound kupuna, assisted with Food Bank distribution at Waialua, officiated at wedding

and memorial services, and experienced becoming a first-time bazaar planner and worker. She continued to be part of the Hawaii Conference Missional Team, attended HCUCC, 'Aha Pae'aina, 'Aha Iki, 'Aha O Na Mokupuni o Maui, Moloka'i a me Lana' meetings via ZOOM and prepared for her installation. She still meets with her Leadership Cohort group and formed a Moloka'I Leadership group with 4 women. She has also worked with each TMC church to review their priorities and set goals to work on for this past calendar year. It has been a very busy year for her. TMC is very happy that she's our settled minister.

The Topside Moloka'i Council is doing their best to continue representing their congregants and working together to do God's ministry on island.

Blessings,
Earline Iaea
Secretary for Moloka'I Topside Council, December 2022

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Maui Council Report
June 15, 2023

Ka`ahumanu Church, Kahu Wayne Higa reports that attendance and membership is creeping up. Like the Hawaii Conference, Ka`ahumanu Church began it's own Capital Campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for the repair and restoration of the sanctuary and steeple. There is so much history that needs to be preserved.

Kaulanapueo Church: Every three months, Kahu Jim A`arona leads pulpit supply and Holy Communion. Church members have challenges in the condition of outbuilding; they pose a liability for the church.

Keawala'i Church Kahu Scott Landis reports that the neighborhood is growing with condominiums and subdivision above Makena Landing...Makena is growing and getting crowded. We had a "family reunion " by having a Homecoming Sunday where the deacons invited all our members, associates, and friends to worship service and share a fellowship meal. It was a very successful day. Everyone felt a sense of aloha and homecoming with lots of conversations.

With kokua from State Council, Keawala`i Church was able to install a new roof. Mahalo ke Akua. Plans are being developed for a golf tournament to fund our outreach ministry. The pastoral search committee is working in earnest to post the position for a settled pastor; hopefully by the end of summer

Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Through kokua from State Council, the church has 8 new windows; what a difference those windows make to physical well-being of the church. In June, a new members' class will bring in new members. Aloha Ke Akua.

Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church Kahu Roy Newton leads the congregation in Sunday services. On March 26, Pai`a Church honored Price Kuhio with Royal Order of Kamehameha and Nā Wahine Hui o Kamehameha & the 'Ahahui Ka`ahumanu Society. Praising God for His constant blessings!

We are piloting a potential partnership with community folks to provide a family friendly safe community events, featuring food vendors, artisans, and crafts on Fridays in the afternoons with potential of adding more days during the week.

Waihe`e Church Though not active members of Maui Council, Waihe`e Church is working with the Pohnpei Ministry to build a Hale Lua for men and women. It will also include shower facilities.

Waiola Church Kahu Anela Rosa is the shepherd and teacher for the church. All energies have been focused on Waiola's 200th anniversary celebration on the last weekend of May! On Friday night, there will be a History Theater presentation called: *My Name is `Opūkaha`ia* There will be free activities all day on Saturday, May 27th, culminating in a ticketed luau in the evening and a special Sunday service.

No reports from [Olowalu Lanakila Church](#), [Keolahou Church](#), and [Kahakuloa Church](#).

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(WHCHCC)

Report for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
ANNUAL MEETING ~ via Zoom
June 15, 2023

Member Churches (6):

Hauoli Kamana'o Church
Helani Cong'l Church
Kahikolu Cong'l Church
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church
Kona Lanakila Church
Puka'ana Cong'l Church

WHCHCC Officers till 6.30.2022:

President: Sharon Matsuyama (Puka'ana)
Vice-President: Keoki Kiwaha (Puka'ana)
Secretary: Pualani Muraki (Kona Lanakila)
Treasurer: Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen (Kauaha'ao)
Advisor: Boyd Matsuyama (Puka'ana)

CHURCH REPORTS~HIGHLIGHTS: July 2022-June 2023:

Hau'oli Kamana'o Church: Kahu Pono Charles Mahina Kaupiko and Melveen Kaupiko.
Sunday Services: In person at 11 a.m. and live on Facebook.

Helani Cong'l Church: No settled Kahu.

Sunday Services: In person 10 a.m. Church leaders cover pulpit on monthly schedule. Guest Kahu comes monthly to share message and conduct Communion Service.

Keiki Sunday School: In person at 10:30 a.m.

Repair Project: Church south wall still pending permits.

Kahikolu Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono, Naleen Andrade.

Sunday Services: by Zoom each Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Bible Study: every other week Thursdays, 6 p.m. by Zoom

Church Litigation: case assigned to a State Court Judge.

Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Debbie Wong Yuen.

Sunday Services: In person at 10 a.m. and live on Facebook, also emailed to members and others on Sunday afternoon with all worship materials

Pulpit Supply: Message shared once a month by church member or guest Kahu to give Kahu Debbie a day of sabbath.

Community Outreach: provides building space for a non-profit used bookstore, for the Ka'u community, and for a N/A-A/A support group to have meetings twice a week.

Kona Lanakila Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Charlene Taketa & Kahu Sam Masilamoney.

Sunday Services: In person 9 a.m. Na Kahu preaches on alternate Sundays and continue to provide kokua ministries to churches with no Kahu.

Choir practice and Bible Study: on Wednesdays.

Community Outreach: reaching out to people in their community and members who missed attending services.

Puka'ana Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: In person 8:30 a.m. Worship Bulletin w/ Message also mailed via USPS to members. Communion Service done by Rev.

Jonathan Roach or Sharon Matsuyama each month.

Pulpit Supply: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha, Rev. Jonathan Roach, HIA-ACM

Church/Hall/Cemetery: community groups use facilities for community meetings.

The WHCHCC completed their Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and amended their Bylaws, to be in compliance with the State of Hawaii DCCA as a non-profit organization.

Ka Ho'opili Iesu,

Debbie Wong Yuen

Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen, Treasurer

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
REPORT OF THE EAST HAWAI'I COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Board of Directors Meeting
June 15, 2023

Aloha na hoahānau,

The East Hawai'i Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel	'Opihikao Congregational Church
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church	Pōhakupuka Congregational Church
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church	Pu'ula United Church of Christ
Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	

The East Hawai'i Council have met, in-person on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Kurtistown, Puna, following the East Hawai'i Sunday School Association meeting. The East Hawai'i Council Meeting has been postponed to July 1, 2023, due to no quorum present, no Secretary Minutes, nor Treasurer's Report made. However, all the information and reports regarding the SCHCC meeting of Jan. 28th, 2023 has been distributed in handouts.

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel, Report on file, attached.

Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church, Verbal report.

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church, Absent with Report on file, attached.

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Report on file, attached.

'Opihikao Cong. Church, Absent, report on file, attached.

Pōhakupuka Congregational Church, Absent, no report. (Inactive)

Pu'ula UCC, Absent, no report.

It has been very difficult to operate as an organization in this Long COVID Pandemic period, but we can not forget to keep the faith, trust, and lean on Jesus.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec

Frank J. Mulec, President

East Hawaii Sunday School Association
Saturday April 1, 2023, Ola'a Church 9am.
Haili Church/ Kuhio Chapel Report

Psalms 145:9 The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his work.

Greetings All!

Praise and honor to God; Haili Congregational Church hosted their Sunday school ho'ike on March 11, 2023 with the theme Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. We don't have Sunday school at Haili Congregational Church and Kuhio Chapel doors are close until further notice.

Continue meeting with East Hawaii Sunday School Association gives our churches opportunity to share their church report progress etc... with each other.

Haili Congregational Church worship service begins at 10am. With monthly guest speakers: April 2, 2023, Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Palm Sunday), April 9 Kahu Jack Snell (Resurrection Sunday), April 16 Kahu Stan Hankins, April 23 Hope Kahu Daniel Kawaha. Upcoming Events on April 8, 2023, Haili Cantata Choir at 7pm. Easter Cantata Theme: "One Day" Directed by Lyndell Lindsey. April 9, 2023, Easter Sunrise Service 6am. With regular Sunday Service at 10am. Last Tuesday of each month Church Council Meeting in Board Room at 5:30pm. On Wednesday weekly singing group name "Joyful Noise" practice in Haili Church sanctuary 4pm. And Cantata Choir practice in MPR. Weekly on Friday 5:30pm. Christian Endeavor meeting at Kuhio Chapel except on holidays.

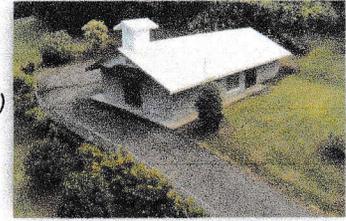
Planning on Tree trimming the Kamani tree, repair on gym & sanctuary gutter and multi-purpose building classroom leak and door replacement.

In His Service,
Cynthia Akimseu



Laupahoehoe Congregational Church

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April 1, 2023

*President Clement Malani Jr, Vice President Dawn Asato, Secretary Carol Malani, Treasurer Russell Paio,
Moderator Catherine Kaide, Director at Large Elaine Nahakuelua, Kahu Alvira Cacabelos*

Aloha in Christ,

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35

Below are the activities Laupahoehoe Congregational Church has been involved in since our last report submitted on January 7, 2023.

- 1-8, distribution of 80 food bags (eggs, ham, cold cuts, chicken, cheese, yogurt, hot dogs, shrimp) to the community
- 1-13, distributed sixty, 2 pound bags of almonds to the community
- 1-18, distributed 60 bags of groceries and canned goods to the community
- 1-28, hosted the community resilience fair on the church grounds and handed out 80 food kits
- 1-30, Kahu Alvira Cacabelos attended the Na Kahu zoom meeting with Papa Makua from 6:30-7:30 pm
- 2-2, distributed forty, 18 count packs of eggs to the community
- 2-3, distributed 88 gallons of milk to the community
- 2-13, distributed seventy-two, 18 count packs of eggs to the community
- 2-24/25, attended the Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church on Maui
- 2-28, Kahu Vira attended the Na Alakai zoom meeting with Papa Makua from 6:30-7:30 pm
- 3-4, Kahu Vira officiated the wedding of Derick & Alazie Kalani at our church + five adults joined as new members
- 3-7, Kahu Vira blessed the home of Cheryl Dietsch in Papaaloo
- 3-9, delivered 50 frozen whole chickens to the community
- 3-11, attended the Haili Congregational Church Hoike
- 3-12, celebration of life held for Pacitas Cabatu at the church + two adults joined as new members
- 3-17, Kahu Vira blessed the Papaaloo Country Store & Cafe at 2:30 pm
- 3-19, Kahu Vira baptized 2 children at the church
- 3-26, received a \$2,500 grant from Vibrant Hawaii towards the purchase of resilience items for our community
- 3-28, food distribution of 80 packs of 2 lb. fully cooked/frozen/seasoned chicken to the community
- 3-29, food distribution of 120 (18 count) packs of eggs to the community

Every Sunday, Laupahoehoe starts with Christian Endeavor at 9:30 am, Sunday School at 10, followed by Worship Service at 11 then lunch in our social hall. We are also actively planning our 200th church anniversary with a Hoike & Aha Mele scheduled for Saturday, August 5, mahalo ke Akua.


Russell Paio
Treasurer

Ola`a First Hawaiian Church
East Hawaii Sunday School Association and
East Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Churches
Quarterly Report
April 01, 2023

"How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Psalm 47:2

Greetings from Ola`a to all our sister churches!

Kahu Lani Kapuniai continues to serve as pastor of Ola`a FHC. We are now holding weekly worship service in the sanctuary. The move back took place in November, 2022. It's good to be back in the sanctuary once again.

Recently, member Jane Gray took on the responsibilities of the Christian Education Program at Ola`a. Jane is new to this island and attended her first Hoike at Haili Church in March with other members of Ola`a. It was a learning experience for her. She enjoyed the camaraderie of the event.

Presently, there are no children attending Ola`a's weekly worship service. The adult bible study group meets on Wednesday evenings at the church hall with Su Rapozo as leader.

Following our Easter service, baptism of four children will take place at the church hall with lunch to follow.

Moderator, Kalei Tong, attended the Spring Halawai held on Maui in February.

Sadly, we had two deaths this year. Member Carmalita (Dutchie) Saffery passed away in February, Bruce Tong passed away in March.

More repair projects are on-going at Ola`a. Some minor repairs of the church hall and parking lot will take place soon.

Joyfully,

*Judith Bailey
Representative.*

'Opihikao Congregational Church

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April 1, 2023

Aloha East Hawai'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches,

It has been, and continuing to be a challenge at 'Opihikao Church. The labor is great, but the workers are few.

We have seen 'Opihikao Church transform, and continually being transformed.

The church does not have the capabilities to do anything on-line. However, following the guidance of the COVID safety protocols, in-person worship services are continually being held on the first and third Sundays at 11:00AM each month. Worship services are being conducted mostly by Kermit Johnson and Deacon Frank Mulec.

It has been a challenge to hold general membership meetings, due to lack of a quorum.

Also we have held Work Days, from 09:00 to 12:00, and continue to schedule each month, on the third Saturday for cleaning, maintenance and repairs. There are many, many repairs that need to be done around the church to bring it back to the condition prior to the hurricane, earthquake, and eruption.

In regards to necrology, we are saddened by our loss of our long standing church member, officer and youth Sunday School Teacher, Eunice Kuualoha "Loha" Mulec, March 28, 2023

'Opihikao Sunday School is still inactive, and hopefully, restart 'Opihikao Sunday School in the near future.

Our ACM Jonathan Roach, reminded us about our upcoming 200 year anniversary of the first sermon held at 'Opihikao on August 6, 1823 and also, we were planning to hold our Hō'ike this year, on the second Saturday in November. After discussion with the congregants, it was decided to combine the worship service anniversary with the the Hō'ike on November 11, 2023.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec
Frank J. Mulec



MEMO:

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
 FROM: Toni Bissen, Pū'ā Foundation
 DATE: May 13, 2023
 RE: Annual Report to SCHCC

Aloha Kākou –

Lots going on at the Pū'ā Foundation, mahalo for the opportunity to share, last time I submitted a report was for the SCHCC board meeting – 4/29/23. **We are truly grateful for the partnership with SCHCC.** This is the annual report submitted to SCHCC. Included herein is a listing of those served through the programs and projects of the Pū'ā Foundation.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit created in 1996. Driving 'Trauma to Transformation' programs for justice-involved women, girls & their families, especially, Hawaiians. We are also proud stewards of the Punahoa Heritage Forest.

	Women Assisted	Families / Keiki
From WCCC	37	
Other + Event	335 - Other / 10 - Event	
Mercy House	6	
Pre Transition Class & Cultural Healing Class	12 PreTrans / 12 CH&WB	
Starlight Star Bright		61 Families / 133 Keiki
WCCC / FDC Xmas Makana	500	
WCCC May Makana for Staff	122	
Transitional Houses - Xmas Makana	45	
Waimanalo Farm	51	
Peer Support Training	28	
Peer Support Community Learning Session	122	



Peer Support Training Graduation - Hilo Cohort (March 2023)

In the News

- [Mercy House Ministry and Peer Specialist Training](#) Office of Social Ministry - Catholic Herald - 5/8/23 -

https://www.catholichawaii.org/news-events/news-articles/2023/may/58-mercy-house-ministry/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eNews%20for%20May%209%202023&utm_content=eNews%20for%20May%209%202023+CID_005f76b94c1eca98507f189b63464f5a&utm_source=eNews&utm_term=Read%20more



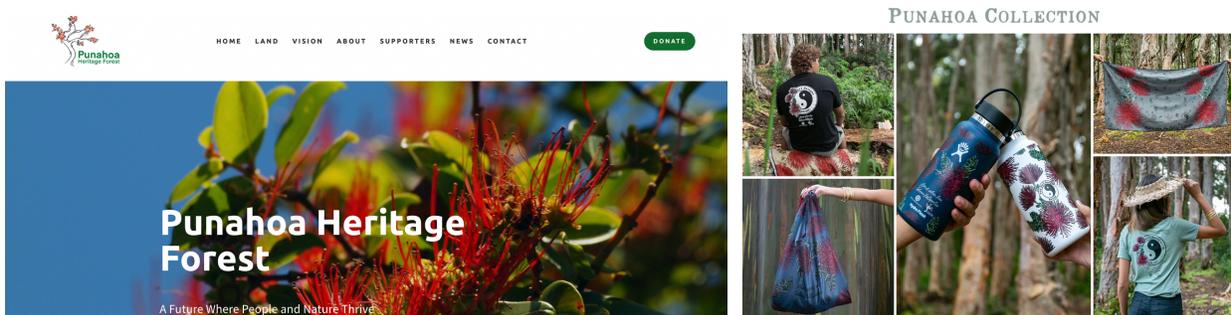
Mana Wahine Ekolu 2022 (November 28 - 30, 2022)

Check out this YouTube video what participants are had to say about their experience. -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izSiygdeXEg>

Check out this YouTube video developed by Pū'ā which premiered at Mana Wahine, "Let's Learn About Trauma to Transformation" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4PFJQWj6v4>

Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF) - <https://www.punahoaheritageforest.org/>



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In the News

- [A closer look at Punahoa Heritage Forest, a reconciliation effort for Hawaiians to heal](#) By: Ku'uwehi Hiraishi; HPR - 4/6/23 <https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2023-04-06/a-closer-look-at-punahoa-heritage-forest-a-reconciliation-effort-for-hawaiians-to-heal>

- [Pū‘ā Foundation and Friends Bless Punahoa Heritage Forest, Coconut Wireless-4/19/23](https://www.hcucc.org/single-post/pua-foundation-and-friends-bless-punahoa-heritage-forest)
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On April 11, 2023, Pū‘ā Foundation held an orientation and VIP event for donors, partners, supporters, volunteers, and community members to showcase the Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF). Guests were able to experience nature, witness God’s majesty, and communion with the forest. There was protocol, pule, himeni, oli, hula, food and fellowship. The PHF, created and developed by Pū‘ā Foundation, with the Hawaii Conference Foundation, is nearly 2,000 acres and forms an elongated shape. It is along Daniel K. Inouye Highway on Hawaii Island, a 20-minute drive from Hilo.

Pū‘ā Foundation sees a future where people and nature thrive. The vision for the PHF is for a forest of world-renown that enables Hawaiians to know, care and connect with their heritage. And the mission is to preserve and protect the natural state of the forest. To help it flourish as a place of gathering, rejuvenation and cultural expression for all Hawaiians and for those who embrace Hawaiian culture.

PHF is a special place, a wahi pana, and we honor it through oli, “He Mele no Punahoa.” This chant speaks of many things: the place - Punahoa, Kau‘mana and Ponahawaii - the forest; the rain of Punahoa is Lanipolua, it speaks of the dew drenched ‘ōhi‘a, it speaks of the plants/trees - the ‘ie‘ie, the olapa, the ‘ala‘ala wai nui; it speaks of the birds – the ‘alalā, the ‘amakihi, the ‘apapane, the ‘ōma‘o, the ‘elepaio, the i‘ō, it speaks of the spring and water - the punawai - the life of the water - to bring life - A Ola!

Nā pana keia o Punahoa
Nā hoa ka ulu lā‘au
Ka nahele i uka Kau‘mana
‘O a‘u pua pili i ka ua o Lanipolua
Kilipohe ka lehua i ka wao

Ulu ka ‘ōhi‘a a pōnaha ka wai
ka ‘ie‘ie, ka olapa, ka ‘ala‘ala wai nui

Kani ka ‘alalā, ka ‘amakihi, ka ‘apapane
Pane ka ‘ōma‘o, ka ‘elepaio
‘Iō ka ‘io kaha keha a ka mālie

Māliu mai i ka nono a ka wai
Ka wai pipi‘i a Kāne
Ka wai puapua‘i a Kāne
Ka wai ‘olā‘olā a Kāne
A ola

PUNAHOA HERITAGE FOREST

Events UPDATE

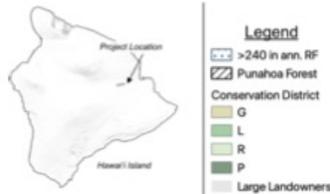


Land Survey - UPDATE

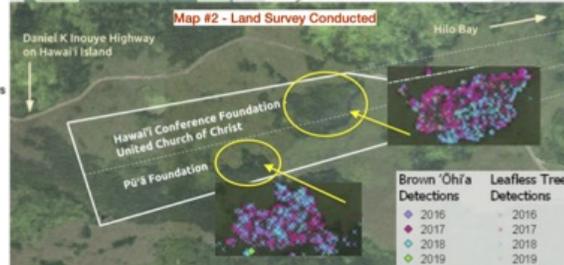


The Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF): what we are discovering from the recent land survey conducted and information from the Water Resources Research Center, UH Manoa, Hawaii Mesonet Initiative:

- PHF is in an area where the annual rainfall is greater than 240 inches annually - see Map #1 - showing rainfall belt; conservation districts, and PHF.



- Data from 2016 to 2019 - indicates that the kipuka within the PHF is showing brown 'ohia detections, and leafless tree detections - see Map #2



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- To assist churches in obtaining information on resources to improve and broaden their missions.
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On Sustaining The Richness Of Hawaiian Traditions & Cultural Values:

- To foster and encourage participation in the *Aha Pae`aina* by helping to develop agenda that incorporate cultural values & tradition & opportunities for fellowship.
- To foster greater understanding of Hawaiian values, traditions, customs & their relevance in our Christian faith.

On Leadership & Ministries in Hawaiian Churches:

- To foster, encourage, and promote leadership training in Hawaiian churches.
- To administer funds entrusted to the SCHCC under the Reverend Richard W. Wong & William Keli`ihoomalu Trusts.
- To assist churches in establishing and maintaining Church Profiles.
- To collect & circulate information regarding ministries of Hawaiian churches, their results & impact.

On Behalf Of Lokahi:

- To promote interaction and exchange among all churches.
- To serve as a channel of communication to the Conference on concerns, questions, and needs of Hawaiian churches.
- To serve as a catalyst for beneficial change that could affect all Hawaiian churches.

On Keeping Safe & Well Our Hawaiian Places Of Worship:

- To administer funds entrusted to SCHCC for maintenance and repair of small Hawaiian churches.
- To provide input to the Conference Foundation on the level of funding needed to maintain and repair small Hawaiian churches.

On Healing The Hawaiian Soul:

- To actively participate with other organizations in promoting understanding in a process of reconciliation w/in the Hawaiian community & HCUC churches.

OUR MISSION/VISION

Our Mission is to advocate, at all levels, on behalf of all Hawaiian churches holding membership in the Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ.

We envision a community which celebrates its biblical roots while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values; which strives to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership, and commitment for a common vision; and which nurtures all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

We embrace and cherish our Christian faith as we respect our cultural heritage and ultimately seek the peace that comes with living comfortably in both.



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We advocate on behalf
of member
Hawaiian Churches

WHO WE ARE

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (the “SCHCC” or the State Council”) is an affiliate organization of the Hawai`i Conference UCC (the “HCUCC” or the “Conference”). It is part of the Conference Council with both voice and vote but receives no operating funds from the HCUCC.

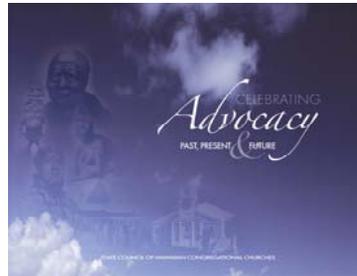
The State Council was initially formed in 1948 as a loosely knit federation of Hawaiian churches that traced their historical roots to the American missionary work that began in 1820. Hawaiian was the host culture; their churches the forerunner of Christian faiths in the islands. On their cornerstones all subsequent congregations were built. But over the course of time and history, membership in the *Kalawina* (Hawaiian for Calvinist) churches began falling. Hawaiians felt their interests waning as the Congregational faith in Hawai`i grew in size and complexion while the congregations of *Kalawina* churches fell ever smaller in number and impact. A revival effort halted the decline in the early 1900’s, only to re-surface in the 1930’s.

In 1948, a coalition of Hawaiian churches successfully sought a venue for *Kalawina* churches at the *Aha Pae`aina* to voice their *mana`o*. This coalition was formally organized in 1952 as the Council of Hawaiian Churches to provide leadership for *Kalawina* churches, promote their work, and maintain their great interest in fellowship. The Council was eventually re-named the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

OUR ROLE REAFFIRMED

By 1965, however, membership in *Kalawina* churches was down to 2,536 and in danger of falling even further. The firm of Kramer, Miller & Associates was hired to review the entire conference of UCC churches, including the unique concerns of *Kalawina* churches. It found that Hawaiian churches were on the verge of disappearing if not given consideration and assistance. Impelled by that finding, a Hawaiian Ministry Program, in coordination with the State Council, was established to assist Hawaiian churches toward self awareness and active participation in the total ministry of the HCUCC.

The Hawaiian Ministry Program ended in 1992 as the Conference re-shaped itself. In that process Hawaiian culture was acknowledged and confirmed as the host culture for the Congregational Church in Hawai`i and the State Council was recognized as advocate for Hawaiian churches. SCHCC serves as a constant reminder of the Hawaiian presence that first embraced and nurtured the Christian faith in these islands.



60th Anniversary Commemorative Publication of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches 1948 to 2008

OUR KULEANA

The overarching role of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches is to promote the viability of Hawaiian churches in ways and matters that will enable them to live, develop, thrive, and grow.

We go about this role ever mindful of Queen Lili`uokalani’s parting words when she spoke of the loss of the Kingdom: That earthly kingdoms can be lost by inflexibility, intolerance and prejudice, as well as by being too flexible, tolerant of too many wrongs, and without judgment at all. State Council looks constantly to the path that lies between these extremes.

The State Council believes, as did the Queen, that the preservation of our heritage is essential to our sense of well being. It was that heritage that allowed Christianity to flourish in Hawai`i. It is that heritage which State Council honors.

Thus, respecting the devotion and commitment of *na kupuna* to the Christian faith and their churches, and keeping the Queen’s words foremost in mind, specific aspects of our overarching role are:

On Nourishing Our Christian Faith & Our Spiritual Growth:

- To convey, at every opportunity, an abiding sense of covenantal relationships in ministries and interacting with other churches, the Conference, and the National Church. These relationships form the basis for our faith journey with God. They are the backbone of our faith, our *mana`o`i`o*. They are the promises we make as God-loving people to Creator, Church, community, and ourselves.
- To encourage and promote participation in Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) ministry.
- To foster and encourage active participation on mission teams and governing bodies of the HCUCC.

BY LAWS

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(Affiliate Organization of the Hawai`i Conference of the United Church of Christ)

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ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION OF SCHCC AND RULES OF LAW

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches celebrates and nourishes its biblical roots in the Christian faith, while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches draws together Churches which strive to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership and commitment in order to attain a common vision. This vision embraces the nurturing of all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

Our purpose and mission are as follows:

- To advocate at all levels of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ in the best interest of the Hawaiian Member churches.
- The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches celebrates and nourishes its biblical roots in the Christian faith, while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values.
- The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches draws together Churches which strive to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership and commitment in order to attain a common vision. This vision embraces the nurturing of all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.
- To operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious, or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), with all powers granted to nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Hawai`i, and all other lawful purposes.

We are organized as State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (referred to in these Bylaws as the "SCHCC"), a tax-exempt Hawaii nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3), and all of our activities will be performed in furtherance of our vision, purposes and mission. The SCHCC is an affiliate organization of the Hawai`i Conference of the United Church of Christ (referred to in these Bylaws as the "HCUCC").

These Bylaws, as well as the Articles of Incorporation and other governing documents of the Board of Directors, provide the foundation upon which the Board and officers will govern the SCHCC and are based on the operations of the SCHCC, as well as applicable Hawai`i and federal rules. References to Hawai`i law, the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act in Chapter 414D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and IRS rules are referenced within parenthesis following the provisions for which they apply. Unless otherwise indicated in these

Bylaws, references to “Member,” “Members” or “Membership” with an initial capital letter refers to persons within the class of Membership of the SCHCC in Article X of these Bylaws with such rights and limitations described in the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and Hawai`i law.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2.1 Powers/Duties of the Board and Inspection of Records. All corporate powers are vested in the Board of Directors to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Hawai`i and the Internal Revenue Code, including the power to do all things necessary, not inconsistent with the law, to further the activities of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-52(17) and -131(b).) The Board shall conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the SCHCC consistent with State and federal laws, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and policies and resolutions of the Board.

Without limiting the foregoing, a director is entitled to inspect and copy the SCHCC’s books, records and documents at any reasonable time to the extent reasonably related to the performance of the director’s duties, including the duties as a committee member, but not for any other purpose or in any manner that would violate any duty to the SCHCC or law. (HRS 414D-306.5(a).)

Section 2.2 Composition, Selection and Qualifications of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following directors:

- (1) Officer-Directors: The officers of SCHCC, as described in Article V of these Bylaws (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor). The officers shall take office as designated members of the Board concurrently with their respective positions and terms as the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor of SCHCC.
- (2) Island Council Representative-Directors: To the extent possible, one (1) representative from each of the Island Councils (Kaua`i, O`ahu, Moloka`i, East Hawai`i, West Hawai`i and Maui). Each of the Island Councils shall appoint one (1) representative as a member of the Board. Such appointment may be conducted by mail in the Board’s discretion.
- (3) Conference Minister-Director: To the extent possible, the Conference Minister of the Hawai`i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her representative. The Conference Minister of the Hawai`i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her appointed representative shall take office as a designated member of the Board concurrently with the term of office as the Conference Minister.

- (4) Other Representative-Directors: Other representatives from organizations or bodies that the Board determines will help further the purposes of SCHCC. The representatives shall be appointed by their respective organizations or bodies. Such appointment may be conducted by mail in the Board's discretion.

The Board may increase or decrease the number of directors from time to time at a regular or special meeting of the Board by amending the composition of the Board and deleting or adding to the composition requirements above, provided that the number of directors may in no event be less than three as required by Hawai'i law. All director candidates and directors must be individuals and have a strong commitment to furthering the purpose and mission of the SCHCC, as described in Article I. (HRS 414D-115, -132, -133 and -134.)

Any person who does not have the authority to vote as a member of the Board of Directors shall not be a "director" as that term is used under the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, Chapter 414D of the HRS. (HRS 414D-14 (defining "directors").)

All directors will serve without remuneration or expectation of remuneration in their role as directors. Remuneration does not include payment of reasonable expenses and indemnification or insurance for actions as a director. (HRS 414D-149(f).)

Section 2.3 Term of Office of the Directors. The directors shall hold office as members of the Board as follows:

- (1) Officer-Directors: The officers of SCHCC shall hold office as a member of the Board concurrently with their respective offices as officers.
- (2) Island Council Representative-Directors: The Island Council representatives shall hold and remain in office as a member of the Board, unless they resign or are otherwise removed under Section 2.6.
- (3) Conference Minister-Director: The Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her appointed representative shall hold office as a member of the Board concurrently with the term of office as Conference Minister or in the case of the appointed representative, for so long as the Conference Minister who made the appointment remains in office.
- (4) Other Representative-Directors: Other representatives from other organizations or bodies that the Board determines will help further the purposes of SCHCC shall hold and remain in office as a member of the Board, unless they resign or are otherwise removed under Section 2.6.

The term of a director filling a vacancy expires at the end of the unexpired term that the director is filling. Even if a term has expired, a director shall continue to serve until the

director's successor is selected, or until there is a decrease in the number of directors. (HRS 414D-135.)

Section 2.4 Vacancies. A vacancy on the Board by a designated officer-director (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) or Conference Minister shall be filled by the successor who fills the designated office as an officer or Conference Minister. (HRS 414D-141(c).) If an appointed representative director of an Island Council, Conference Minister or other organization/body held a vacant office, the respective Island Council, Conference Minister or organization/body who appointed the director may only fill such vacancy. (HRS 414D-141(b).)

If a vacancy will occur at a specified later date (by reason of a resignation effective at a later date or otherwise), such vacancy may be filled before it actually occurs so long as the new director does not take office until the vacancy occurs. (HRS 414D-141(d).)

Section 2.5 Resignation of Directors. A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, President or Secretary. Such resignation will be effective when the notice is effective, unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the notice is made effective at a later date, the Board may fill the pending vacancy before that date so long as the successor does not take office until the effective date. (HRS 414D-137.)

A resignation of a director who is holding office as a director by virtue being an officer in Section 2.2 (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) will automatically be a resignation as an officer, unless the Board amends these Bylaws to delete the designated officer-director position in Section 2.2.

Section 2.6 Removal. The designated officer-director (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) or Conference Minister may be removed by amending the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and removing the designated position. (HRS 414D-139(a).)

An appointed representative director of an Island Council, Conference Minister or other organization/body may be removed without cause by the person appointing the director or the Board of Directors. (HRS 414D-139(b).) The person removing the director shall do so by giving written notice of the removal to the director, and either the President or Secretary. A removal is effective when the notice is effective, unless the notice specifies a future effective date. (HRS 414D-139(c) and (d).)

The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 2.4.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 Regular and Special Meetings; Pule `Ohana. If the Bylaws or the Board fixes the date, time and place of a directors' meeting, the meeting is a regular meeting. All meetings other than regular meetings are special meetings. (HRS 414D-143(a).) Notice of regular and special meetings shall be given in accordance with Section 3.2.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly, unless otherwise determined by the Board. All meetings of the Board of Directors (and Members) shall be opened and closed with pule `ohana.

Section 3.2 Call and Notice of Meetings. The President or Board of Directors may call and give notice of a meeting of the Board. (HRS 414D-145(d).) The Secretary shall give (or cause to be given) notice of each meeting of the Board for which notice is required in accordance with this Section.

(1) Notice Requirements. Except as otherwise required in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or law, regular meetings may be held without notice (provided, that the Board has previously fixed and provided notice of the date, time and place of the meeting). Special meetings shall be preceded by at least two (2) days' notice to each director of the date, time and place, and may state the purpose of the meeting. (HRS 414D-145(a) and (b).) Note: The form of notice and its effectiveness, as provided for in Subsection (2), below, must be taken into consideration when providing notice under this Section.

(2) Form of Notice and Effectiveness. Unless otherwise required, notice may be oral, written or in the form of an electronic transmission. Oral notice is effective when it is communicated. Except for a notice provided to the Members under Section 11.4, written notice to the directors is effective at the earliest of the following: when received, five (5) days after its deposit with the US Postal Service, as evidenced by the postmark, or on the date shown on the return receipt signed by or on behalf of the addressee, if sent by registered or certified mail. (HRS 414D-15(a), (b), (c) and (e).)

Notice may be provided by electronic transmission; provided, that the director to whom the notice is given consents ("electronic transmission" means any form of communication that does not involve the transmission of paper and that creates a record). The following means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been given as follows:

- a) If by facsimile, when directed to a number at which the director has consented to receive notice;
- b) If by electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail address at which the director has consented to receive notice;

- c) If by posting on an electronic network together with separate notice to the director of the specific posting, upon the later of the posting and the giving of the separate notice; and
- d) If by any other form of electronic transmission, when directed to the director.

A director may revoke such consent by written notice or electronic transmission to the SCHCC. Such consent shall be deemed to be revoked if (1) the SCHCC is unable to deliver by electronic transmission two consecutive notices in accordance with the consent and (2) such inability becomes known to the Secretary or other person responsible for giving notice; provided, that the inadvertent failure to treat the inability to give electronic notice as a revocation shall not invalidate any meeting or other action.

If the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act prescribes notice requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements shall govern. If the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws prescribe notice requirements, which are not inconsistent with this Section or the Nonprofit Corporations Act, those requirements shall govern. (HRS 414D-14 (defining “electronic transmission”); -15(i), (j) and (k).)

(3) Waiver of Notice. A director may waive any required notice by submitting a written and signed waiver or by attending or participating in a meeting, unless the director at the beginning of the meeting or prior to a vote on a matter not noticed in conformity with law or these Bylaws, objects to the lack of notice and does not thereafter vote for or assent to the objected to action. (HRS 414D-146.)

Section 3.3 Decision-Making By Meeting and Quorum. The Board of Directors shall make decisions by holding a meeting at which a quorum is present either in person and/or by wireless communication, as described below. Alternatively, the Board may make decisions without holding a meeting under Section 3.4. In making any such decision, a director may not vote by proxy.

Where Board decisions will be made at a meeting, a majority (that is, more than half) of the directors in office will constitute a quorum. (HRS 414D-147(a).) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present shall be the act of the Board, unless the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws require a greater vote. (HRS 414D-147(b).) Each director shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

In establishing a quorum, the Board may allow any director (or all directors) to participate in the meeting by any means of communication whereby all participating directors can hear each other at the same time (for example, telephone conference). Participation by such means whereby all directors can hear each other at the same time shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. (HRS 414D-143(c).)

Section 3.4 Decision-Making Without Meeting. Any action permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all the directors unanimously sign one or more written consents describing the action taken and include such consent(s) in the corporate records.

“Written consent” includes a consent executed by an electronic or digital signature; provided that the SCHCC employs reasonable measures to authenticate the electronic or digital signature. Reasonable measures include commercially available security measures used by board meeting portal systems.

The action taken is effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent(s) shall have the same effect as a meeting vote. (HRS 414D-144.)

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The SCHCC may have two types of committees: committees of the board and advisory committees. A “committee of the board” is a committee of the Board of Directors that can exercise the authority of the Board and consists solely of directors (that is, two (2) or more members of the Board), who serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board may create committees of the board and appoint directors to serve on them by an affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office. (Note: the vote to create a committee of the board is greater than the vote to create an advisory committee, which is described below.)

Each committee of the board may exercise such authority of the Board of Directors as specified by the Board. However, a committee of the board may not authorize distributions; approve or recommend to Members dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the SCHCC’s assets; elect, appoint or remove Board members or fill vacancies on the Board or on committees; or adopt, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. (HRS 414D-148(a), (b), (d) and (e).)

Sections 3.1 to 3.4, above, that govern meetings of the Board apply to committees of the board and their members. (HRS 414D-148(c).)

An “advisory committee” is a committee that does not exercise Board authority. Advisory committee members may include non-Board members. The Board may create advisory committees by a vote of the number of directors required to take action under Section 3.3 (that is, by a majority vote of the directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present). The President may also create advisory committees with the approval of the Board. Advisory committees shall have such powers as authorized by the Board; provided, however, that advisory committees may only act in an advisory capacity to the Board and cannot exercise Board authority.

Committees of the board and advisory committees may further be classified as standing or special (ad hoc) committees. Standing committees are those committees with a continuing existence. Special committees are those committees created for a special situation and whose existence may not be permanent.

All committees that are created shall have committee descriptions, as necessary, which are kept in a corporate file and disseminated to committee members. Such committee descriptions may include the name of the committee and its purpose, member composition, whether it is a committee of the board or advisory committee, whether it is a standing or special committee, who it will report to, and other information, as appropriate.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Designation and Authority. The officers of the SCHCC shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Advisor. The officers shall perform the duties and have the authority as set forth in these Bylaws, prescribed in a resolution of the Board, or directed by an authorized officer. (HRS 414D-153(a) and -154.)

Section 5.2 Qualifications, Election and Term of Office. All officer candidates and officers must have a strong commitment to furthering the purpose and mission of the SCHCC and be in good standing in an active Member church or a past member of a Member church and in good standing, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Except for the Advisor, all officers shall be elected by the active Members at the annual meeting of the Members during the `Aha Iki or at such other time as the Board may determine. Preferably, no more than two of the four officers shall be from the same island. The officers elected by the Members shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and may hold office for successive terms. The same individual may hold more than one office in the SCHCC, provided that not less than two (2) persons shall be officers. (HRS 414D-153(a), (c) and (d).)

The President shall appoint the Advisor, who shall hold office concurrently with the appointing President unless otherwise removed or the Advisor resigns.

Section 5.3 Resignation and Removal; Vacancies. An officer may resign by delivering notice to the SCHCC and the resignation will be effective when the notice is effective unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the resignation is made effective at a future date and the Board accepts that future date, the Board of Directors may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date, provided the successor does not take office until the effective date. Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the Membership whenever the best interest of the Hawaiian Member Churches and the SCHCC is not served. (HRS 414D-156.)

The President shall have the authority, with approval by the Board of Directors, to fill a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Advisor for the

unexpired term until the next scheduled election. In the event that the President is unable to serve or resigns, the Vice-President shall assume the presidency and fill the vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, with the Board's approval, for the unexpired term of the office of Vice-President.

Section 5.4 President. The President shall have the following duties:

- (1) Have general charge and supervision of the SCHCC and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- (2) Prepare an Annual Report.
- (3) May create advisory committees under Article IV, as needed, with the Board of Director's approval.
- (4) Represent the SCHCC on the HCUCC Council.
- (5) Work with the other officers, directors and staff, if any, to ensure that the SCHCC complies with State and federal mandates, including those described in Articles VII and VIII.
- (6) Perform such other duties as are incident to the office or are required by the Board. (HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.5 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

- (1) Assist the President and in the President's absence, be the presiding officer, perform the duties of the President, and have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.
- (2) Assume the presidency in the event the President resigns or is not able to serve.
- (3) Chair the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.
- (4) Prepare an Annual Report of the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.
- (5) Have such powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (1) Exercise general supervision over the receipt, custody, and disbursement of corporate funds.
- (2) Receive and deposit all funds in an accredited financial institution approved by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Keep an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed and shall give a detailed report of all accounts at each Board of Directors meeting.
- (4) Prepare a financial report for the Annual Meeting.
- (5) Keep an accurate record of all Member churches current with payment of their dues and notify the Secretary of those Member churches in arrears by March 01 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (6) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.7 Secretary. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- (1) Prepare (or cause to be prepared) the minutes of Board, Executive Committee, and Member meetings including the Annual Meeting.
- (2) Give (or cause to be given) proper notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and Members under Sections 3.2, Article IV and Section 11.4.
- (3) Be responsible for compiling and preparing reports submitted by all officers, the Advisor, Island Council Presidents, committee chairs and others for the Annual Meeting handbook.
- (4) Provide a sign-in sheet for all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as for all delegates attending the Annual Meeting or other Membership meeting.
- (5) Include a copy of the previous year's Annual Meeting minutes in the current year Annual Meeting handbook.
- (6) Send Board of Directors meeting minutes to the members of the Board of Directors two weeks prior to each scheduled Board meeting, with the agenda for the scheduled meeting. Record any corrections and additions to the minutes of all meeting minutes after approval by the Board.

- (7) Send Executive Committee meeting minutes to the Executive Committee within two weeks after the meeting. Record any corrections and additions to the minutes of all meeting minutes after approval by the Executive Committee.
- (8) Authenticate records.
- (9) Keep and maintain (or cause to be kept and maintained) the records and reports described in Section 7.1(3).
- (10) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-14 (defining “secretary”), -153(b) and -154.)

Section 5.8 Advisor. The Advisor shall have the following duties:

- (1) Have thorough understanding and experience of the SCHCC.
- (2) Advise the Board of Directors in matters of function, policy, church polity, past practices and historical background.
- (3) Prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.
- (4) Serve a term concurrently with the term of the President who appointed the Advisor.
- (5) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-154.)

ARTICLE VI

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A director and an officer shall discharge his or her duties as a director/officer or member of a committee in good faith, in a manner that is consistent with the director’s/officer’s duty of loyalty to the SCHCC, with ordinary care, and in the best interests of the SCHCC and Members. In performing such duties, a director and an officer are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements if prepared or presented:

- 1) By one or more officers or employees of the SCHCC who the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented,
- 2) By legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons regarding matters the director or officer reasonably believes are within the person’s professional or expert competence, or

- 3) In the case of a director, by a committee of the board (see Article IV) of which the director is not a member regarding matters within its jurisdiction and the director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

A director or officer is not acting in good faith if the director or officer has knowledge, which would make reliance upon these persons or the committee unwarranted. (HRS 414D-149(a) - (c) and -155(a) - (c).)

ARTICLE VII

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE

Section 7.1 Corporate Requirements and Records.

(1) State Annual Report to be Filed. The SCHCC shall file an annual business report with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA”) on a form furnished by the DCCA. The annual report allows the DCCA to keep up-to-date on information required by the State on the statutory requirements to be a Hawaii nonprofit corporation. The SCHCC’s annual report must be filed with the DCCA on or before December 31 of each year and reflect the state of affairs of the SCHCC as of October 1 of the year when filed. (HRS 414D-308.)

(2) Maintenance of Mailing Address and Agent. The SCHCC shall continuously maintain in this State a mailing address of its principal office, a registered agent and a business street address of the agent. To change the mailing address, agent or address of the agent, the SCHCC must file a form provided by the DCCA. (HRS 414D-71 and -72.)

(3) Records to be Kept. The SCHCC shall maintain the following records, as well as others necessary to the operations of the SCHCC:

- a) Permanent records of the following: minutes of the meetings of the Members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Board or Members without a meeting under Sections 3.4 and 11.8, and a record of all actions taken by committees of the board as authorized under Article IV;
- b) Appropriate accounting records;
- c) An alphabetical list of the names and addresses of the Members by class, as applicable, and indicating the number of votes each Member is entitled to cast;

- d) The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all amendments in effect;
- e) Resolutions adopted by the Board relating to the Members' characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations;
- f) Records of all actions approved by the Members for the past three (3) years;
- g) Financial statements furnished to the Members under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 414D-306 (see Section 12.3) for the past three (3) years;
- h) A list of the names and business or home addresses of the current directors and officers;
- i) The most recent State annual report filed with the DCCA under Section 7.1(1). (HRS 414D-301.)

Additionally, the IRS provides the following guidelines for the following records in the event that the records may be material to the administration of any federal tax law (501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.26 (Rev. 8-2015):

Records of revenue and expenses, including payroll records (retain for at least four years after filing the returns to which they relate);

Records relating to acquisition and disposition of property (real and personal, including investments) (retain for at least four years after the filing of the return for the year in which disposition occurs).

All such records and others in the SCHCC's operations shall be maintained in accordance with these rules and guidelines within the SCHCC's document retention and destruction policy procedures.

(4) Designation of Persons With Signing Authority. The Board of Directors shall designate by resolution an individual or individuals to sign checks, contracts and other instruments, as approved by the Board. Unless authorized by the Board, no director, officer, agent or employee of the SCHCC shall have any power or authority to bind the SCHCC by any contract or other instrument. (HRS 414D-52(17).)

(5) Regular Review of Articles and Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall review the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws on a regular basis to ensure that they reflect the current exempt purposes of the SCHCC and comply with existing operations and State and federal laws. (Such laws include those referenced within parenthesis in these Bylaws.) All

amendments to the Bylaws shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation. (HRS 414D-187.)

Section 7.2 Fiscal Year and Taxes.

(1) Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the SCHCC is July 1 through June 30, or as the Board of Directors may otherwise determine.

(2) State and Federal Income Taxes; General Excise Taxes. Hawaii imposes three taxes that are generally applicable to corporations: income, general excise, and use taxes. Employment and other State, federal and local taxes may also be applicable.

However, an organization that is recognized by the IRS as a qualified church (including a qualified association of churches) generally need not submit federal 990 income tax returns or Hawaii income tax returns with certain exceptions (for example, for unrelated business income). A qualified church (and a qualified association of churches), however, must file periodic and annual Hawaii general excise tax returns (even if exemption from GET is obtained). (See IRS Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File (28 July 2020); Tax Facts 98-3 (Nov. 1998) and 2019-2 (Sept. 2019), State of Hawaii, Dept. of Taxation.)

The SCHCC's Board of Directors shall consult with the SCHCC's tax advisor to ensure that the SCHCC complies with Internal Revenue Code and Hawaii State tax rules and regulations applicable to the SCHCC.

Section 7.3 Solicitation and Registration With State Attorney General.

(1) Registration With Attorney General and Exception. In general, a charitable organization must register with the State department of the attorney general before conducting any solicitation for money or thing of value, as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 467B-1. Such registration must be completed at such time and include such financial and other reports as required under the law. Certain exemptions to this registration rule exist.

Under HRS 467B-11.5, organizations that are exempt from registration include duly organized religious corporations exempt from filing 990 tax returns.

Upon confirmation by the SCHCC's tax advisor that the SCHCC is a qualified association of churches under Section 501(c)(3), the Board of Directors shall apply to the department of the attorney general to be exempt from the registration requirement. (For more information, see the Hawaii Charity Registration System at ag.hawaii.gov/tax/; HRS 467B-2.1(a) and -11.5.)

(2) Use of Unregistered Professional Persons Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not use the services of an unregistered professional solicitor or professional fundraising counsel as defined in Chapter 467B of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in the solicitation of contributions. (HRS 467B-9(o).)

ARTICLE VIII

LIMITATIONS: DISTRIBUTIONS; LOANS/GUARANTIES; PRIVATE INTEREST/LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES; CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Section 8.1 Distributions Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not make any distribution, except as otherwise authorized under the law. “Distribution” means “the payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of a corporation to its members, directors, or officers.” (HRS 414D-14 (defining “distribution”), -231 and -232.)

Section 8.2 Loans or Guaranties Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not lend money to or guaranty the obligation of a director or officer of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-151(a).)

Section 8.3 Restrictions--Private Interest; Political and Legislative Activities. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the SCHCC complies with the following IRS tax rules by consulting with its tax advisor:

- 1) Inurement and Private Benefit. The IRS provides the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Inurement to Insiders

Churches and religious organizations, like all exempt organizations under IRC [“(Internal Revenue Code”)”] Section 501(c)(3), are prohibited from engaging in activities that result in inurement of the church’s or organization’s income or assets to insiders (such as persons having a personal and private interest in the activities of the organization). Insiders could include the minister, church board members, officers, and in certain circumstances, employees. Examples of prohibited inurement include the payment of dividends, the payment of unreasonable compensation to insiders and transferring property to insiders for less than fair market value. The prohibition against inurement to insiders is absolute; therefore, any amount of inurement is, potentially, grounds for loss of tax-exempt status. In addition, the insider involved may be subject to excise tax. See the following section on [e]xcess benefit transactions. Note that prohibited inurement doesn’t include reasonable payments for services rendered, payments that further tax-exempt purposes or payments made for the fair market value of real or personal property.

Excess benefit transactions. In cases where an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization provides an excess economic benefit to an insider, both the organization and the insider have engaged in an excess benefit transaction. The IRS may impose an excise tax on

any insider who improperly benefits from an excess benefit transaction, as well as on organization managers who participate in the transaction knowing that it's improper. An insider who benefits from an excess benefit transaction must return the excess benefits to the organization. Detailed rules on excess benefit transactions are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, sections 53.4958-0 through 53.4958-8.

Private Benefit

An IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization's activities must be directed exclusively toward charitable, educational, religious or other exempt purposes. The organization's activities may not serve the private interests of any individual or organization. Rather, beneficiaries of an organization's activities must be recognized objects of charity (such as the poor or the distressed) or the community at large (for example, through the conduct of religious services or the promotion of religion). Private benefit is different from inurement to insiders. Private benefit may occur even if the persons benefited are not insiders. Also, private benefit must be substantial to jeopardize tax-exempt status. (501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.5 (Rev. 8-2015).)

- 2) Political Campaign Intervention. The IRS provides, in part, the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Political Campaign Activity

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches and religious organizations, are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made by or on behalf of the organization in favor of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violation of this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of excise tax.

Certain activities or expenditures may not be prohibited depending on the facts and circumstances. For example, certain voter education activities (including the presentation of public forums and the publication of voter education guides) conducted in a non-

partisan manner do not constitute prohibited political campaign activity. In addition, other activities intended to encourage people to participate in the electoral process, such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, would not constitute prohibited political campaign activity if conducted in a non-partisan manner. On the other hand, voter education or registration activities with evidence of bias that: (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates, will constitute prohibited participation or intervention.

Individual Activity by Religious Leaders

The political campaign activity prohibition isn't intended to restrict free expression on political matters by leaders of churches or religious organizations speaking for themselves, as individuals. Nor are leaders prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for their organizations to remain tax exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3), religious leaders can't make partisan comments in official organization publications or at official church functions. To avoid potential attribution of their comments outside of church functions and publications, religious leaders who speak or write in their individual capacity are encouraged to clearly indicate that their comments are personal and not intended to represent the views of the organization....

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(501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, pp.7-8 (Rev. 8-2015).)

- 3) Lobbying Activity. The IRS provides, in part, the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Substantial Lobbying Activity

In general, no organization, including a church, may qualify for IRC Section 501(c)(3) status if a substantial part of its activities is attempting to influence legislation (commonly known as lobbying). An IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization may engage in some lobbying, but too much lobbying activity risks loss of tax-exempt status.

Legislation includes action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions or similar items (such as legislative confirmation of

appointive offices), or by the public in a referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment or similar procedure. It doesn't include actions by executive, judicial or administrative bodies.

A church or religious organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

Churches and religious organizations may, however, involve themselves in issues of public policy without the activity being considered as lobbying. For example, churches may conduct educational meetings, prepare and distribute educational materials, or otherwise consider public policy issues in an educational manner without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status.

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(501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.6 (Rev. 8-2015).)

Section 8.4 Managing Conflicts of Interest. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the affairs of the SCHCC are managed in an ethical manner without improper conflicts of interest by following the requirements of the SCHCC's conflict of interest policy procedures and IRS regulations.

Under the IRS's intermediate sanctions regulations, a tax-exempt corporation is prohibited from entering into any transaction in which an economic benefit is provided to or for the use of any "disqualified person" if the value of the economic benefit provided exceeds the value of the consideration (including the performance of services) received for providing the benefit. A "disqualified person" is any person who was, at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of the transaction involved, in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization, a family member of a disqualified person, or a 35% controlled entity of persons in the previous two categories.

An authorized body composed of individuals who do not have a conflict of interest must approve any such transaction in advance, and the authorized body must rely upon appropriate data as to comparability and adequately document the basis of the decision concurrently with the decision. (26 CFR 53.4958-4.) The Board shall consult with its legal or other expert advisor, as necessary, to ensure proper compliance with this federal mandate.

ARTICLE IX

LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

The personal liability of a director to the SCHCC and the Members for any monetary damage because of a breach of his or her duties to the SCHCC and the Members shall be limited to the extent specified in Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act. (HRS 414D-32(b)(5).) The SCHCC shall further indemnify and advance expenses to a Board member and an officer, employee, or agent of the SCHCC consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and the Act. (HRS 414D-160 to -167.)

If the SCHCC indemnifies or advances expenses under Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the SCHCC, the SCHCC shall report such action taken in writing to the Members with or before the notice of the next meeting of the Members. (HRS 414D-307.)

ARTICLE X

MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Section 10.1 Members of Record. The Members of the SCHCC shall consist of those persons who are admitted into the Membership under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and resolutions adopted by the Board. Membership in the SCHCC is evidenced by the SCHCC's current list of Members. (HRS 414D-52(15) and -81(a).)

Section 10.2 Membership and Qualifications; Rights and Limitations; Active Member and Good Standing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish conditions for admission of Members, admit Members, and issue Memberships. (HRS 414D-52(15); -131(b).)

(1) Membership Qualifications and Member Delegates: The Members of the SCHCC shall consist of the churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. No person shall be admitted as a Member without the person's consent. (414D-81(b).) Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to select the following representative delegates:

- (a) One (1) lay delegate selected by the Member church. Member churches that having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to select one (1) additional lay delegate.
- (b) One (1) young adult delegate age twenty-five years or younger selected by the Member church.
- (c) One (1) authorized minister delegate of the Member church.

(2) Rights and Limitations: Each active Member church in good standing shall enjoy all the benefits of Membership, with such limitations as described in these Bylaws and determined by the Board of Directors. Each active Member church in good standing shall have the number of votes based on the representative delegate(s) of the church on matters submitted to a vote of the Members. Provided, however, that for purposes of altering, amending, restating or repealing the Bylaws or adopting new Bylaws, each Member church shall only be entitled to one vote.

Member churches who are not active and/or in good standing, as determined by the Board, shall not enjoy the benefits of Membership and do not have a right to vote on matters submitted to a vote of the Members.

Except as described in these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and documents created and resolutions adopted by the Board, all Members shall have the same rights and obligations. (HRS 414D-84.)

(3) Active Member and Good Standing: An “active” Member church is one, who is current in payment of their assessed annual Membership dues. The Board of Directors shall determine the annual dues with input from the Members, and the dues shall be paid and also recorded by the Treasurer by December 31 of each year.

Member churches, including their delegates, who are not in good standing with their respective Island Councils, or do not adhere to criteria applicable to Members and Memberships, appropriate standards of conduct or who otherwise fail to meet the qualifications of Membership as determined by the Board, shall be considered not in “good standing.”

Section 10.3 Member’s Liability to Third Parties. A Member of the SCHCC shall not, as such, be personally liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-85.)

Section 10.4 Resignation of Members. A Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary. The resignation of a Member shall not release the Member from any obligation the Member may have to the SCHCC as a result of obligations incurred or commitments made prior to such resignation. (HRS 414D-86.)

Section 10.5 Termination, Expulsion or Suspension of Members. No Member may be expelled or suspended, and no Membership or Memberships may be terminated or suspended except pursuant to a procedure that is fair and reasonable and carried out in good faith. Under Hawaii law, the procedure will be deemed fair and reasonable when either:

- 1) The SCHCC provides: (a) prior written notice to the Member not less than fifteen (15) days before the expulsion, suspension, or termination indicating the reasons therefor; and (b) an opportunity for the Member to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension, or termination by a person or

persons authorized to decide that the proposed expulsion, suspension, or termination not take place; or

- 2) An alternative procedure is used that is fair and reasonable taking into consideration all the relevant facts and circumstances.

Any written notice given by mail shall be sent to the last known address of the Member shown in the corporate records. A Member who has been expelled or suspended may be liable for dues, assessments, or fees as a result of the obligations incurred or commitments made prior to the expulsion or suspension. (HRS 414D-89(a) - (c) and (e).)

ARTICLE XI

MEMBERS' MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 11.1 Annual, Regular and Special Membership Meetings; Pule `Ohana. All meetings of the Members, whether Annual/regular or special as described below, shall be opened and closed with pule `ohana.

(1) Required Annual Meeting/Regular Meetings. The SCHCC shall hold an Annual Meeting of the Membership each year. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the `Aha Iki at the `Aha Pae`aina in June or as otherwise determined by the Board, and may have other regular Membership meetings as determined by the Board.

At each Annual Meeting, the President and Treasurer shall report on the activities and financial condition of the SCHCC, and time shall also be provided for business, spiritual and cultural awareness concerns. At each Annual meeting, the Members shall consider and act upon only such matters as may be raised consistent with the notice requirements in Section 11.4.

The failure to hold an Annual Meeting or regular meeting at a time stated in or fixed in accordance with these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action. (HRS 414D-101(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f).)

(2) Special Meetings. The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Members. Only those matters within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice required by Section 11.4 of these Bylaws may be conducted at a special meeting of Members. (HRS 414D-102(a) and (e).)

Section 11.2 Record Date: Determining Members Entitled to Notice, Vote, and Other. Under Hawaii law, the SCHCC may set a date, called a "record date," to determine and set an official count of the Members for the purpose of providing notice, to vote, or other action. (HRS 414D-107.) A record date allows the SCHCC to use the official count of the Members as of a predetermined date to ensure that it meets the notice and quorum requirements or taking other action since Members may join (or resign) from day-to-day.

(1) Record Date For Entitlement to Notice of Members' Meetings. The Board of Directors may fix a future date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to notice of a Members' meeting. If no such record date is fixed, Members at the close of business on the business day preceding the day on which notice is given, or if notice is waived, at the close of business on the business day preceding the day on which the meeting is held, are entitled to notice of the meeting. (HRS 414D-107(a).)

(2) Record Date For Entitlement to Vote. The Board may fix a future date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to vote at a Members' meeting. If no such record date is fixed, Members on the date of the meeting who are otherwise eligible to vote are entitled to vote at the meeting. (HRS 414D-107(b).)

(3) Record Date For Entitlement to Other Rights. The Board may fix a future date as the record date for the purpose of determining the Members entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any other lawful action. If no such record date is fixed, Members at the close of business on the day on which the Board adopts the resolution relating thereto, or the sixtieth (60th) day prior to the date of such other action, whichever is later, are entitled to exercise such rights. (HRS 414D-107(c).)

A record date may not be more than seventy (70) days before the meeting or action requiring a determination of the Members occurs. A determination of Members entitled to notice of or to vote at a Membership meeting is effective for any adjournment of the meeting, unless the Board fixes a new date for determining the right to notice or the right to vote, which the Board must do if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than seventy days after the record date for determining Members entitled to notice of the original meeting. (HRS 414D-107(d) and (e).)

Section 11.3 SCHCC to Prepare Membership List for Meetings.

(1) Preparation and Maintenance of List. After fixing a record date for a notice of a meeting under Section 11.2, the SCHCC shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names of all Members entitled to notice of the meeting. The list shall include the Members' addresses and number of votes each Member is entitled to cast at the meeting. The SCHCC shall further prepare on a current basis through the time of the Membership meeting, a list of Members, if any, who are entitled to vote at the meeting, but not entitled to notice of the meeting. This list shall be prepared on the same basis and be part of the list of Members. (HRS 414D-109(a).)

(2) Inspection of List Upon Demand. The list of Members shall be available for inspection by any Member for the purpose of communication with other Members concerning the meeting. The list shall be available at the SCHCC's principal office or other reasonable place identified in the meeting notice in the city where the meeting will be held, beginning two (2) business days after notice of the meeting for which the list was prepared is given and continuing through the meeting. A Member is entitled on written demand to inspect and copy the list at a reasonable time and at the Member's expense during the period that it is

available if the demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose, the Member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the Member desires to inspect, and the records are directly connected with this purpose. The demand shall also be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2. (HRS 414D-109(b).)

(3) Inspection at Meeting Upon Request. If a request is submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the SCHCC shall make the list of Members available at the meeting. Any Member may inspect the list at the meeting or any adjournment. (HRS 414D-109(c).)

Section 11.4 Notice of Meetings of Members. Unless otherwise required, notice to Members may be oral, written or in the form of an electronic transmission. Notice may be provided by electronic transmission; provided, that the Member to whom the notice is given consents (“electronic transmission” means any form of communication that does not involve the transmission of paper and that creates a record). Oral notice is effective when it is communicated. Unless otherwise indicated in the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, written notice to Members is effective when mailed so long as the notice is postpaid and correctly addressed to the Member’s last known address as shown in the organization’s current list of Members. (HRS 414D-14; -15(a), (b), (c), and (d).)

A written notice or report delivered as part of a newsletter or other publication regularly sent to Members shall constitute a written notice if addressed or delivered to the Member’s last known address, or in the case of Members who are residents of the same household and who have the same address, if addressed or delivered to one of the Members, at the last known address. (HRS 414D-15(g).)

The following means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been given as follows:

- 1) If by facsimile, when directed to a number at which the Member has consented to receive notice;
- 2) If by electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail address at which the Member has consented to receive notice;
- 3) If by posting on an electronic network together with separate notice to the Member of the specific posting, upon the later of the posting and the giving of the separate notice; and
- 4) If by any other form of electronic transmission, when directed to the Member. (HRS 414D-15(j).)

A Member may revoke such consent by written notice or electronic transmission to the SCHCC. Such consent shall be deemed to be revoked if (1) the SCHCC is unable to deliver by electronic transmission two consecutive notices in accordance with the consent, and (2) such inability becomes known to the Secretary or other person responsible for giving notice;

provided, that the inadvertent failure to treat the inability to give electronic notice as a revocation shall not invalidate any meeting or other action. (HRS 414D-15(i).)

If the notice requirements described below or Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act prescribes notice requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements shall govern. If the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws prescribe notice requirements, which are not inconsistent with this Section or the Nonprofit Corporations Act, those requirements shall govern. (HRS 414D-15(k).)

All notices to the Members shall be provided in a fair and reasonable manner. (HRS 414D-105(a).) Notice shall be deemed fair and reasonable if given as follows:

- 1) The SCHCC gives notice to the Members of the date, time and place of each Annual, regular and special meeting of Members no fewer than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before the meeting date;
- 2) The notice of an Annual or regular meeting includes a description of any matter that must be approved by the Members under the following circumstances: director conflict of interest (HRS 414D-150); determination and authorization of indemnification (HRS 414D-164); amendment of the Articles of Incorporation (HRS 414D-182); approval of a plan of merger (HRS 414D-202); approval of a sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the SCHCC's assets other than in the usual and regular course of activities (HRS 414D-222); and approval of a plan of dissolution (HRS 414D-241 and -242); and
- 3) The notice of a special meeting includes a description of the matter(s) for which the meeting is called. (HRS 414D-105(c).)

Other means of giving notice may also be fair and reasonable when all the circumstances are considered; provided, however, that notice of the matters referred to in Subsection 2), immediately above, must be given. (HRS 414D-105(b).)

If an Annual, regular or special meeting is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place, so long as the new date, time or place is announced at the meeting prior to the adjournment. However, if the new date is more than seventy (70) days from the original record date for determining Members entitled to notice, then a new record date must be set under Section 11.2, above, and notice given to the Members of record as of the new record date. (HRS 414D-105(d).)

Section 11.5 Waiver of Notice by Member. A Member may waive any required notice before or after the date and time stated in the notice by delivering to the SCHCC a signed waiver of notice. A Member may also waive any objection to the lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting by attending the meeting without objecting at the beginning of the meeting and to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting by not objecting when it is presented. (HRS 414D-106.)

Section 11.6 Decision-Making By Meeting and Quorum. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise required by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act. Any amendment to decrease the quorum may be approved by the Members or the Board of Directors. The Members must approve any amendment to the Bylaws to increase the quorum required for any Member action. Unless one-third (1/3) or more of the voting Members are present in person or by proxy (if allowed), the only matters that may be voted upon at an annual or regular meeting of Members are those that are described in the meeting notice. (HRS 414D-111.)

Except in the case where these Bylaws will be altered, amended, or repealed under Section 14.1, each Member shall be entitled to have one (1) vote for each of the Member's representative delegates described in Section 10.2(1) of these Bylaws. (HRS 414D-110.) If a quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote are present at the meeting by virtue of having a delegate at the meeting, a combined vote of a majority of the delegates (that is, more than half) representing the Members at the meeting shall be the act of the Members, unless the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act require a different vote. The Members must approve any amendment to the Bylaws to increase or decrease the vote required for any Member action. (HRS 414D-112.)

If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, Member delegates or proxies of Member delegates (if allowed) may participate at an Annual, a regular or a special meeting of the Members by means of the Internet, teleconference, or other electronic transmission technology in a manner that allows them the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with the occurrence of the proceedings, vote, pose questions, and make comments. The SCHCC shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present in this manner and permitted to vote is a Member delegate or proxy of a Member delegate. (HRS 414D-101(g); -102(f).)

Section 11.7 Proxy Voting. If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, a Member may appoint a proxy to vote or otherwise act for the Member's delegate(s) by signing an appointment form. A Member may authorize a person to act as a proxy by:

- 1) Executing a writing authorizing another person or persons to act as a proxy; or
- 2) Transmitting or authorizing the transmission of a facsimile or other means of electronic transmission authorizing the person or persons to act as a proxy; provided, that such transmission must specify that the transmission was authorized by the Member. A copy, facsimile telecommunication, or other reliable reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to the foregoing may be used in lieu of the original writing or transmission for any and all purposes for which the original writing or transmission could be used; provided, that any such copy, facsimile telecommunication, or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission.

An appointment of a proxy is effective when received by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. Such appointment shall remain valid for eleven (11) months, unless otherwise expressly provided in the appointment form. An appointment of a proxy is revocable by the Member making the proxy, unless the appointment form states that it is irrevocable and the appointment is coupled with an interest. (HRS 414D-113(a), (b), (c) and (e).)

Section 11.8 Decision-Making Without Meeting.

(1) Action by Written Consent: If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, any action to be approved by the Members at a meeting may be approved without a meeting if at least eighty percent (80%) of the delegates representing the Members approve such action by written consent, and the consent is signed by those Member delegates, describes the action taken, and is delivered to the SCHCC. Such written consent shall have the same effect as a meeting vote.

If the record date is not otherwise determined by the Board under Section 11.2, the record date for determining Members entitled to take action through their delegates without a meeting is the date the first Member delegate signs the written consent. Written notice of Member approval under this Section shall be given to all Members who have not signed the written consent. If written notice is required, Member approval under this Section shall be effective ten (10) days after the written notice is given. (HRS 414D-104.)

(2) Action by Ballot: If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, any action that may be taken by the Members at a meeting of Members may be taken without a meeting if the SCHCC delivers a ballot or ballots to every Member entitled to vote on the matter. The SCHCC may deliver the ballot(s) by electronic transmission. To be effective, the ballot must: (a) be in written form or in the form of an electronic transmission, (b) set forth each proposed action, (c) provide an opportunity to vote for or withhold a vote for each candidate for election as a director or officer, and (d) provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.

All solicitations for votes by ballot shall (a) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements, (b) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each action, and (c) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the SCHCC in order to be counted.

Approval by ballot shall be valid if (a) the votes cast by the Member delegates by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required for Member representation (that is, at least 25% of the Members) to be present at a meeting to authorize the action, and (b) the total number of affirmative votes by the delegates equals or exceeds the number of affirmative votes for approval that would be required to approve the action at a meeting. Except as provided in these Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation, a ballot may not be revoked. (HRS 414D-104.5.)

ARTICLE XII

INSPECTION OF CORPORATE RECORDS

Section 12.1 Inspection of Records by Members.

(1) A Member is entitled to inspect and copy the following records at a reasonable time and location specified by the SCHCC; provided, that the Member gives at least five (5) business days written notice:

- a) The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all amendments in effect;
- b) Resolutions adopted by the Board relating to the Members' characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations;
- c) Minutes of Member meetings and records of actions approved by the Members for the past three (3) years;
- d) Financial statements furnished to Members under HRS 414D-306 (Section 12.3 of these Bylaws) for the past three (3) years;
- e) The names and business or home addresses of the current directors and officers; and
- f) The most recent State annual report filed with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs under HRS 414D-308 (Section 7.1(1) of these Bylaws). (HRS 414D-302(a).)

(2) Additionally, a Member may inspect and copy, at a reasonable time and location specified by the SCHCC, the following documents; provided, that the Member gives the SCHCC written notice at least five (5) business days before the date that the Member wishes to inspect and copy, the demand to inspect is made in good faith and for a proper purpose, the Member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the Member desires to inspect, and the records are directly connected with the purpose:

- a) Excerpts of the minutes of the meetings of the Members and Board, a record of actions taken by the Members or directors without a meeting under Sections 3.4 and 11.8, and a record of authorized actions taken by committees of the board (see Article IV), to the extent not subject to inspection above;
- b) Accounting records; and

- c) Subject to HRS 414D-109(b) and -305 (see Sections 11.3(2) and 12.2), the Membership list. The SCHCC may comply with a Member's demand to inspect the Membership list by providing the Member with a list of its Members that was compiled no earlier than the date of the demand. (HRS 414D-302(b) and (c); -303(d).)

(3) The SCHCC may impose a reasonable charge for labor and materials to cover the cost of copies; provided, that such charge shall not exceed the estimated cost of production or reproduction of the records. (HRS 414D-303(c).)

Section 12.2 Limitation on Use of Membership List. Without the Board of Directors' consent, the Membership list or any part thereof shall not be obtained or used by any person for any purpose unrelated to a Member's interest as a Member. Without limiting the foregoing, without the Board's consent, the Membership list or any part thereof shall not be used to solicit money or property unless the money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the Members in an election to be held by the SCHCC, used for any commercial purpose, sold to or purchased by any person, or published in whole or in part to the general public. (HRS 414D-305.)

Section 12.3 Inspection and Copying of Financial Statements. Upon a Member's written demand, the SCHCC shall provide the Member with its latest annual financial statements. If the financial statements are prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, the annual financial statements must also be prepared on that basis.

If a public accountant reported upon the annual financial statements, the accountant's report must accompany them. If not, the statements must be accompanied by a statement by the President or person responsible for the financial accounting records, stating the President's or other person's reasonable belief as to whether the statements were prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles and, if not, describing the basis of preparation and any respects in which the statements were not prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with the statements prepared for the preceding year. (HRS 414D-306.)

ARTICLE XIII

EMERGENCY POWERS

In anticipation of or during an emergency, the Board of Directors may act in accordance with the following guidelines, as provided for in Hawaii Revised Statutes 414D-53:

- 1) An emergency exists if a quorum of the directors cannot readily assemble because of some catastrophic event.
- 2) The SCHCC may modify lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any director, officer, employee or agent.

- 3) The SCHCC may relocate the principal office, designate alternative principal offices or regional offices, or authorize the officers to do so.
- 4) During an emergency, notice of a Board meeting need only be given to those directors that are practicable to reach and may be given in any practicable manner, including publication and radio. Additionally, one or more officers present at a Board meeting may be deemed to be directors for the meeting in order of rank, as necessary, to achieve a quorum.
- 5) Corporate action taken in good faith during an emergency to further the ordinary affairs of the SCHCC binds the SCHCC and may not be used to impose liability on a director, officer, employee or agent.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS

Section 14.1 Amendment/Restatement of the Bylaws. Subject to Section 14.3, to amend or restate these Bylaws, the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment/restatement and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members. The SCHCC shall notify each Member of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws for giving notice to Members. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment/restatement and contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by ballot or written consent, the material soliciting the approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement.

An amendment or a restatement requiring Member approval must be approved by receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes which Members present at the meeting or represented by proxy (if allowed) are entitled to cast. (HRS 414D-182(a)(1) and -187.) Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of representative delegates the Member has.

All amendments to the Bylaws shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation. (HRS 414D-187.)

Section 14.2 Amendment/Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation. Subject to Section 14.3, the Articles of Incorporation may be amended or restated by the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the directors in office at a meeting duly called and noticed or by written consent. Provided, that if the amendment or restatement includes an amendment requiring approval by the Members, the Board must submit the amendment/restatement to the Members for approval.

If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by the Members at a Membership meeting, the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment/restatement and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members. The SCHCC shall notify each Member of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws for giving notice to Members. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment/restatement and contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by ballot or written consent, the material soliciting the approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. An amendment or a restatement requiring Member approval must be approved by receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes which Members present at the meeting or represented by proxy (if allowed) are entitled to cast. (HRS 414D-182(a), -184(a) - (e) and -187.) Each active Member Church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of delegates the Member has.

Section 14.3 Amendment Terminating or Canceling Members. Any amendment to these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation that would terminate all Members or any class of Members or redeem or cancel all Memberships or any class of Memberships must be approved by the Members by the following procedure:

- 1) Prior to adopting a resolution proposing such an amendment, the Board of Directors shall give notice of the general nature of the amendment to the Members.
- 2) After adopting a resolution proposing such an amendment, the Board must give notice to the Members proposing the amendment, and the notice shall include one or more statements of up to five hundred (500) words opposing the amendment if such statement is submitted by any five (5) Members or by Members having three percent (3%) or more of the voting power, whichever is less, not later than twenty (20) days after the Board has voted to submit such amendment to the Members for approval.
- 3) The proposed amendment must be approved by the Members, whether through attendance or proxy (as allowed under the Bylaws), by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by each Member present at the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon. Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of representative delegates the Member has.

Section 10.5 shall not apply to any amendment meeting the requirements of this Section. (HRS 414D-89.5.)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am an authorized officer of the SCHCC and that the Members entitled to vote adopted these Bylaws on June 15, 2022, and the Bylaws are currently effective. These Bylaws supersede the Constitution and the Bylaws amended at the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2019, and all amendments thereto.

Date: July 20, 2022

James H. Motta Vice President
Authorized Officer (signature and office held)